

7 August 2013

**A MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST
2013 COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.**

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1.	OPENING PRAYER	1
2.	ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND	1
3.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	1
4.	APOLOGIES	1
5.	DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS.....	2
6.	DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST.....	3
7.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	4
8.	RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE	24
9.	MAYOR’S ACTIVITY REPORT	28
10.	PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE	29
11.	REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER	41
12.	REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	48
13.	REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES.....	50
14.	REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES	57
15.	REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	61
16.	REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES	65
17.	REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER	69
20.	QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE	70
21.	GENERAL BUSINESS	71

Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013

10.00 a.m. Department of Trade & Investment – Community Liaison Officers - Briefing on Coal Seam Gas – PowerPoint presentation covering:

- **NSW Minerals Industry**
- **Gas and Petroleum in NSW**
- **Exploration for CSG**
- **The Government's Strategic Regional Land Use Policy**
- **The New Rules for Coal Seam Gas.**

6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON
WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.05 A.M.**

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.

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

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 3votes/4votes**

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".

(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 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.*

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

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 Saleyards Activities

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

(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.

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.

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.

These Pages (1/5275 to 21/5295) were confirmed on theday of AUGUST 2013 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 July 2013.

MAYOR

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

8.1 RESOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS

13.2 QUARRY DEVELOPMENT

9388 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that quotes for a detailed investigation of the quantity and quality of materials available be obtained, prior to discussing the possibility of obtaining additional land from the present lessee.

Status:

Awaiting Minister's approval. The consultant has contacted the Department of Lands requesting an indication be given as to when a response is likely to be received, noting the original application was provided in July 2013 and proof of the Development Consent in January 2013. Stressing the urgency of the situation.

13.3 SHOWGROUND SECURITY OPTIONS

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

Lock the two main gates directly onto the highway, leaving the gate near the dog track open;

Signage be erected at all gates with Office & Manager's numbers and requesting that anyone wishing to rest stock or ride casually contact Council.

Camping Prohibited signs be erected, with power boxes locked to discourage casual camping

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

Status:

- b) Signage received – to be installed**
- c) Review booking system/fee structure in progress.**

EXCAVATION OF HOLDING LAGOON – SEWER TREATMENT WORKS

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.

Status:

Proposal is being discussed with the EPA. Application for grant funding submitted under Round 5 of the Regional Development Australia Fund.

CARAVAN PARK+ECO SPA STAGE 2 – INVESTMENT READY**0392 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that:

- (a) Council note the General Manager will determine the Development Application under delegated authority;
- (b) following approval of the Investor Brief, with adjustments approved by the General Manager, commence proceedings in calling for expressions of interest;
- (c) continue proceedings to purchase the land required for the development of the Eco Spa, together with the rest of Smith Park in its entirety;
- (d) upon completion of the process, classify the land as 'operational'.

Status:**Waiting for approval from the Department of Lands****EXTENSION OF COONAMBLE LANDFILL SITE****0397 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council:

- (1) negotiate with the LHPA and Crown Lands to acquire a portion of approximately 16 hectares of land being Part TSR 24312 by way of the compulsory process and further, Council make application to the Minister of Local Government seeking approval from the Governor to acquire the land using the compulsory process;
- (2) reclassify the land being acquired under the compulsory process under section 31 of the Local Government Act to operational land and further, pursuant to section 34 of the Local Government Act, give public notice of its intention to reclassify the land;
- (3) engage a Registered Surveyor to survey the parcel of land and lodgment of the deposited plan with the Land Titles Office;
- (4) engage Councils Solicitors to commence the legal proceedings of formally acquiring the land and lodging of the deposited plan.

Status:**Application made to Minister seeking approval to acquire the land. Application made to Coonamble Local Aboriginal Lands Council as the land is subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim.****COONAMBLE LANDFILL SITE****0398 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that :

- (1) Council make application to the Minister of Local Government seeking approval under section 14(3) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to reissue the proposed acquisition notice in respect to lots 1 and 2 DP 1007782 being Crown land;
- (2) Under section 31 of the Local Government Act, the land being acquired under the compulsory process will be classified as operational land and further pursuant to section 34 of the Local Government Council give public notice of its intention to classify the land as operational

Status:

In progress – endeavouring to clarify status of Aboriginal Land Claim over this land. To be tabled at meeting of Local Aboriginal Lands Council this week.

17.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES

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

- (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.

Status:

(a) COMPLETED

(b) Emailed the Coonamble Associated Agents – received negative response.

<p>8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED – TO BE REMOVED FROM THE RESOLUTION BOOK</p>
--

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.

<p>Status:</p>

<p>Grant received and work programmed for 2013/2014. COMPLETED.</p>
--

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.

<p>Status:</p>

<p>Works expected to be completed prior to Christmas. COMPLETED.</p>

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.

<p>Status:</p>

<p>Certificates ordered. COMPLETED</p>

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2013

This page intentionally left blank

**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

**10.1 COONAMBLE QUOTA CANCER SURVIVAL FUND
R8-10(41035)**

Seeking approval for the annual “Walk the Loop” fundraising event on Sunday 1 September 2013 along the same route as previous years. Requesting Council to assist in providing witches hats to help control walkers when entering the highway from the starting point. Saying the local police have been advised of the proposal and their support on the day. Advising funds raised go back to the community for people diagnosed with cancer and also for the purchase of a portable oxygen machine which may be required by patients when travelling to medical appointments.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the annual “Walk the Loop” fundraising event to be held on Sunday 1 September 2013, subject to concurrence of the local police and agree that assistance will be given in accordance with past practice.

10.2 MRS JEAN COLWELL R8-11+SR109(41026)

Regarding her concerns that the only viable legal access to her property will be removed. Saying that she does not need to use the access currently, as she has Mr & Mrs Rackham’s kind permission to utilize their access road, however if they were to sell or the situation change, access would become an issue. Seeking written confirmation from Council that the dedicated unconstructed road will always remain in Council ownership so that it will provide a legal access when required. Noting there are fences across the road at the moment and pointing out they should be removed..

Recommendation:

That Council defer this item for consideration until later in the day during the report to Closed Session by the General Manager.

10.3 MR JF & MRS HA RACKHAM R8-11+SR109(41044)

Saying that based on legal advice and also that from the Department of Lands regarding Thara Road, the portions of land in question are still accessible to the public to allow landowners access to their properties. Pointing out the single gate currently in place on the eastern end is too narrow and will not allow farming machinery to pass through. Requesting that the gate be removed and a laneway formed so that the boundaries are clearly defined,

saying that the defining of the boundary is of utmost importance to avoid further conflict with adjoining owners.

Further advising that when they construct the fence on their boundary to the surveyed line they will also need access through Shire land to reach their other property that adjoins Fitzgerald's, as the gateway currently used will be included in the 'new' Thara Road extension, whether a dedicated public road or 'paper' road. Pointing out with harvest approaching and the issue taking much longer than expected, seeking confirmation that this request can be granted.

Recommendation:

That Council defer this item for consideration until later in the day during the report to Closed Session by the General Manager.

10.4 PM & SJ GRAY BUS SERVICES B12+C6-13(41057)

Responding to Council's enquiry regarding appropriate locations for bus shelters and advising as follows:

West Coonamble:

- Cnr Limerick/Calga Streets 14 children
- Cnr Limerick/Edward Streets 8 children
- Cnr Smith St/Greene Avenue 8 children
- Cnr Nash/Floyd Streets 6 children
- Cnr Wilga/Eurimie Streets 8 children

East Coonamble:

- Cnr Dubbo/King Streets 8 children
- Cnr Charles/McCullough Streets 6 children
- Dubbo St (tree opposite McKeown's shop) 10 children
- Dubbo Street Park 12 children
- Cnr Namoi/Tooloon Streets 6 children

Thanking Council for its consideration of this matter and saying bus shelters would be a benefit to many families.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information supplied by the School Bus Proprietors and if funds for bus shelters become available application be made and sites be selected if funding is forthcoming.

10.5 GULARGAMBONE TENNIS CLUB R4-2(41054)

Requesting Council to consider reducing the amount of water and sewerage rates paid by the Club. Saying the Club pays the minimum charge, but uses very little water. Pointing out that as a Club, the turn-over is very limited and, in the last two years it has run at a loss. Saying the rates of \$594 are the Club's third biggest expense, after electricity and insurance.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Gulargambone water is already subsidized by Coonamble under the “user pays” principle and the Gulargambone water supply should be self sufficient.)

Recommendation:

That Council not accede to a reduction in water and sewerage charges for the Gulargambone Tennis Club, due to financial constraints.

10.6 UNITED SERVICES UNION D7(41065)

Advising USU is a proud supporter of the white ribbon campaign and is seeking Council’s participation in the campaign, the world’s largest male-led movement to end men’s violence against women. Saying that through primary prevention initiatives and an annual campaign, White Ribbon Australia seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours. Advising that recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women will be held on 25 November 2013.

Saying that on 18 September 2013, to coincide with the USU’s Conference in Council Session, the Union will be holding a White ribbon morning tea to promote and support its commitment to the cause. Inviting Council to contribute \$100 sponsorship and requesting that Council allow distribution and display of USU White Ribbon stickers at the workplace, work vehicles and any area where they are visible.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council is actively involved in the Domestic Violence Collective and this group is organizing a White Ribbon event and, if Council so desires, the contribution to be made available to the local group).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the USU that it will be supporting its own endeavours for White Ribbon Day and that Council support the activities of the local group by agreeing to contribute \$100 towards the function.

10.7 THE SALVATION ARMY DOORALONG TRANSFORMATION CENTRE D7+R8-4(41126)

Referring to last year’s bike ride through the Hunter Valley, North Coast and back to Dooralong highlighted that young people are experimenting with drug and alcohol use at an earlier age. Advising the participants of the ride, from the Salvation Army’s Drug & Alcohol Transformation Centre at Dooralong, shared stories with students of various high schools as they passed through. Saying the stories identify damage to lives and relationships, the slow descent into a personal hell and the cost not only to themselves, but to family, friends and communities. Stating that it is an Education Ride not a Charity Ride and the money raised covers costs of staging the event (fuel, food, accommodation). Pointing out that any assistance Council may offer in

financial or material terms would be gratefully appreciated. Saying the Ride2Recovery motto is : *Education, Awareness, Prevention*.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council’s Mayor, in the near future, will be participating in the Tour de Orana Bicycle Ride, supporting an accommodation unit at the Dubbo Base Hospital and it may be appropriate to support this regional event).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Salvation Army of its intention to support the Regional Bicycle Ride later this year, raising funds for an accommodation unit at Dubbo Hospital.

**10.8 PROPRIETORS OF GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK
R4+R4-2(41152)**

Referring to the large increase in rates from \$394 to \$1,206 and saying the water access seems to be the main increase. Advising they purchased the property just over five years ago and at that time a water metre was installed. Pointing out the debt of the metre was to be paid by the previous owner as discussed at the time. Advising that after years of paying a reasonable rate, they now have this increase and the Caravan Park cannot afford such a huge amount. Seeking some concession to warrant them to keep operating.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – An audit has been undertaken by Council’s new Rates Officer of all water and sewer charges to ensure they are correct and comply with the charges adopted by Council in its Revenue Policy. There have been many instances where the correct access charge has not been applied and these errors have been addressed in the current financial year.

A letter has been forwarded to the proprietors explaining that the assessment was previously charged a 20mm water access however it was found that the property had an 80mm water service. Subsequently from the 2013/2014 rating year it will be charged the appropriate amount. The proprietors were advised that the request for a concession would be determined at this meeting. I refer to the request from the Gulargambone Tennis Club and reiterate that the Gulargambone water supply does not currently meet its own operating costs).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the proprietors of the Gulargambone Caravan Park that it is unable to provide any financial relief towards the water access charge.

10.9 MR COLIN RYAN, GULARGAMBONE T6(41168)

Asking Council if it would consider the purchase 80 trees, 240 stakes and 80 guards for planting in and around the Gulargambone township. Saying this project has been ongoing for many years and has received many supportive comments on how it improves the town. Enclosing a map of proposed planting locations.

Recommendation:

That Council agree to provide trees and associated materials to the value of \$250 to be planted in and around Gulargambone.

Section B – Matters for Council's Information:**10.10 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT E2(40893)**

Informing councils of recent amendments to section 296 of the *Local Government Act 1993* relating to 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. Pointing out that key changes include:

- Councils are able to decide up to 18 months prior to an ordinary election to enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct all of their elections, referendums and polls and to enter into any such contract up to 15 months before the election.
- The contract may be terminated by either party at any time following the ordinary election and will expire 18 months prior to the next ordinary elections unless terminated earlier.
- Councils may also enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct their individual elections (other than ordinary elections), referendums and polls at any time.
- In exceptional circumstances the NSWEC may agree to conduct an ordinary election at any time.
- Councils that have already resolved to engage the NSWEC to conduct a by-election under section 296 within 12 months of the 2012 ordinary elections will not be obliged to use the NSWEC to conduct other elections, referendums or polls.

Asking that this information be brought to the attention of councillors and staff.

10.11 NSW GOVERNMENT – MINISTERIAL CIRCULAR L10-1(40943)

Advising NSW Government is committed to reducing the incidence of graffiti vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. Saying to support this goal the Government has established a State wide graffiti removal and prevention day on Sunday, 20 October 2013. Advising Rotary will work with local councils, property owners, government agencies, community groups, businesses and volunteers to identify, remove and prevent graffiti.

10.12 NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2013 A17(40937)

Congratulating Council on being a finalist for the 2013 Local Government Youth Week and inviting a representative to attend the Local Government Awards Night in Pyrmont. Pointing out that Council is a finalist in *the best small Council with the most outstanding Youth Week Program in 2013*.

10.13	NSW FARMERS' ASSOCIATION	I6(40936)
--------------	---------------------------------	------------------

Seeking Council's support for the implementation of a grain harvest management scheme in NSW for the harvest period. Saying the Association feels the scheme will allow for greater efficiencies of grain harvest, less trucks on the road and better compliance with the existing legislation.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A letter has been forwarded to the NSW Farmers' Association advising that Council agreed to participate in the 2013/2014 scheme at its July meeting).

10.14	MRS BEVERLEY CAFÉ	B2(40955)
--------------	--------------------------	------------------

In a letter to the Mayor, advising that on visiting Coonamble two years ago she discovered her father-in-law's initials on the War Memorial near the Council Office are not correct. Saying the enlisted memorial and all army records have the correct initials E. W. Cafe (Edwin William Café). Pointing out he was known as Ted, but T. Café, as inscribed on the Memorial, is not correct. Advising she spoke to the Secretary/Manager of the RSL and was assured the error would be corrected, saying she has also made several phone calls to the Sub Branch, but with no response. Stating that all relevant paper work was given to the RSL and she was promised a photo when the job was completed. Advising also that she spoke with the General Manager, who said "*..it was not a council problem ...*" Asking that she be provided with the name and address of someone who could assist them.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Mr Café contacted Council regarding this matter in January 2013 – I responded advising him that Council is not the authority responsible to make the change and his request had been forwarded to the Coonamble Sub-Branch of the Coonamble & District RSL. On the same date – 11 January 2013 I wrote to the RSL Club seeking advice on progress so that Council could advise Mr Café – no response was received. Council also forwarded the information and request to the RSL Sub-Branch seeking assistance – no response forthcoming. I refer to the phrase "*it was not a council problem*" in Mrs Café's letter and can assure Council that I did not use these words.)

10.15	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	L10(40949)
--------------	-----------------------------	-------------------

Thanking Council for its continued support of the Local Government Referendum "Yes" campaign and providing an update. Saying that research on people's attitudes towards the referendum is almost complete with findings indicating that the referendum is definitely winnable. Pointing out councils will play a critical role in connecting with their communities and explaining the importance of voting "Yes". Saying LGNSW is compiling a database of each council's nominated contact officer for the campaign. Advising that, at this point, no announcement has been made by the Prime Minister regarding a new election date, so the campaign timeline is still based around a September 14 referendum. Saying LGNSW will continue to send regular updates to councils.

10.16	NSW ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST	G5-1-2(40976)
--------------	--------------------------------	----------------------

Thanking Council for its expression of Interest *Macquarie Marshes Education Station* to the Education Program. Advising the Committee was unable to support the application however it invited 17 applicants to submit more detailed applications, noting the Trust received 64 expressions of interest.

10.17	MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION INC	E5(40964)
--------------	---------------------------------------	------------------

Reporting to member councils on the meeting held at Dubbo between the Murray Darling Board and Hon Craig Knowles, Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA). Saying the meeting was to discuss what happens now that the Basin Plan is law and implementation is underway. Pointing out the focus and that of Local Government over the last three years has been responding to the draft plan; it is now time to understand our roles and opportunities during implementation. Saying local government areas are crucial in representing Basin communities and the Association is the unifying force for the 100 councils it represents.

Advising people will be sent from Canberra to talk with and engage communities and they want local government to facilitate community ownership of projects and priorities and the Murray Darling Association is seen as the only group capable of representing the whole Basin. Saying for the next 10 years the Authority needs to build on the connection between its members and governments, it needs to reduce constraints in the system. Pointing out there will be opportunities for local councils to be contracting entities in reducing these constraints, creating local employment. Saying the Association will continue to hold the Government and the Authority accountable for their investment promises and for the economic and social impacts of decisions.

Pointing out Craig Knowles commented on the asset management agreement signed by all States in 2011 which has been partially reneged on by SA & NSW Governments. Stating that the reduction in funding for maintenance of infrastructure, operations and security of dams, locks, weirs and barrages will be of concern to all local government bodies. Saying the Association has already advocated for restoration of funding and will continue to do so. Saying the Murray Darling Association's mission is to provide a focus for local government and community participation in the major natural resource management issues of the Murray Darling Basin and that Council is a vital part of the process by its ongoing membership and support.

10.18	THE HON JAN BARHAM MLC – THE GREENS	L4(41004)
--------------	--	------------------

Seeking information regarding costs in relation to the provision of library services to enable her to progress a campaign to have Government funding for library services increased. Stating it is well documented that libraries provide much more than access to information and listing the following:

- Services and programs made available to users by public libraries
- Social interaction facilitated in public libraries
- Sense of place and enhanced local amenity afforded by libraries
- Environmental savings generated through continued re-use of library collections
- Public library contributions to language and computer literacy
- Public library facilitation of improved education, career development and health outcomes.

Pointing out that NSW Government funding has diminished over the last decade to just 7.5% and the formula for prescribed state subsidy to each LGA has remained at \$1.85/capita since 1998. Saying her goal is to collate information and gain a better understanding of the impact that the decrease in funding has had on councils. Stating she is seeking a comparison of the service costs to Council and the State contribution.

10.19	GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE	L4(41023)
--------------	---	------------------

Acknowledging advice that Council awarded the running of the Gulargambone library service to two eight two eight for the next 12 months. Saying that two eight two eight have been paid for the service for at least the last eight years the Committee believes it was time for another organization to have the opportunity to utilize ratepayer funding for a community organization. Pointing out two eight two eight advertise they are a financially viable community organization and believing it was an opportune time for council to support another group. Advising they are disappointed in Council's decision.

10.20	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	E2+L10(41025)
--------------	-----------------------------	----------------------

Thanking Council for its continued support of the Local Government referendum "Yes" campaign and providing information regarding staffing of polling booths within this LGA and how Council is being asked to assist. Saying that having a campaign presence on Election Day at polling booths is paramount to the success of the "Yes" campaign. Advising that the National Campaign Team has requested that all councils be responsible for the management of staff at polling booths within their LGA. Saying it will soon contact Council to provide further details regarding polling booth management.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Advice received from LGNSW on 6 August 2013 is that the referendum is not to be conducted at this election).

**10.21 VENUE MANAGER, THE CROSSING THEATRE – NARRABRI
M3-1(41041)**

Advising the Crossing Theatre is celebrating 10 years since it opened its doors and issuing an invitation to everyone to come and see the venue. Saying it is not only a cinema, café and conference space, but represents for many the cultural epicenter of the town. Pointing out the birthday event called “Narrabri Presents ...” is being held on Saturday 7 September and because numbers are limited encouraging everyone to purchase tickets, which cost \$60/person, as soon as possible.

10.22 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE INC PR2463.01+L3(41056)

Making application for the continued use of the land at the rear of the old sheep yards for the purpose of collecting excess and overloaded wheat and other grains. Pointing out that this is an ideal area and causes very little inconvenience at harvest time. Thanking Council for its past support.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Director of Engineering Services has granted permission to the Club to again set up bins, auger and hopper on the site for the coming harvest season).

10.23 OUTBACK ARTS A11(41066)

Seeking payment of the 2013/2014 contribution to the Outback Arts Regional Arts Development Program as part of the NSW Regional Arts Development Network. Advising that in Coonamble, the Country Arts Support Program (CASP) 2012 funding round released \$1,800 to Coonamble Arts Alice for a photographic workshop; \$2,770 to Coonamble Streets Ahead for presentation of the 2012 Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow and \$1,680 to Coonamble High School for a resin jewellery making workshop for the youth and community. Pointing out the 2013 CASP round has released a range of projects for the region.

Providing other information on the activities of Outback Arts and saying through its partnership with Council the new premises (formerly Monterey Café) allowed the organization to host exhibitions and the opportunity to have regular touring exhibitions, hold workshops and facilitate activities. Saying feedback has been positive. Saying at the AGM of Outback Arts Cr John Walker was accepted as Council’s delegate with Cr Bill Burnheim alternate.

10.24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW C13(410863)

Advising the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) member training unit, Local Government Learning Solutions, has developed a new calendar of workshops scheduled for the July to December period of 2013. Advising some of the workshops are scheduled in regional centres and they also cater for busy

councillors to attend half day sessions, evenings or weekend workshops.
Please see APPENDIX A for a copy of the calendar.

10.25 NSW DEPARTMENT PREMIER & CABINET A5(41101)

Advising the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) is currently examining ways to restore commercial air services to remote centres in western NSW, including Bourke, Walgett, Coonamble and Lightning Ridge. Pointing out these towns have been without commercial air services since December 2008. Advising DPC has conducted a preliminary assessment of the travel needs for NSW government agencies who regularly access these towns to deliver services and the initial assessment indicates significant government demand for air travel, should services be re-established. Seeking information from local government service providers during the 2011/2012 financial year period.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The information has been provided to the Department as requested).

10.26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2(41178)

Alerting Council to the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel's publication of the McKinlay Douglas Ltd (MDL) paper entitled *community-Level Governance: What provision should be made and/or mandated in local government legislation?* Advising the report can be viewed at <http://www.localgovernmentreview.nsw.gov.au/Index.asp?areaindex=LGR&index=42&acode=TR&mi=2> Pointing out the report is not subject to formal consultation, however LGNSW will be expressing its concerns about the report to the Panel at the first opportunity.

10.27 NSW DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT G5(41200)

Informing councils of the outcome of Round Two of the NSW Government Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. Advising that 57 projects put forward by 49 councils, totalling \$287m in overall project costs have been approved under the second round of the scheme. Saying applications for Round 3 will be called for later this year. Noting that councils that applied for a LIRS subsidy under Round 2 of the scheme have been notified of the outcome of their application. Encouraging councils to apply for funding in the next round when it opens.

10.28 AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION C8(41058)

Inviting Council to become a supporter of the national anti-racism campaign, *Racism It Stops with Me* which is led by the Commission. Saying over 150 organisations have committed their support, including a number of local councils. Pointing out that racism has serious consequences for individuals and local communities, affecting people's physical and mental health. Saying the Commission believes that the most effective way to reduce its incidence is to encourage and coordinate the efforts of local communities with expertise in the unique context it occurs. Pointing out that Council's support will ensure this important national campaign translates into effective community action.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
6 August 2013

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER
DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

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

Background:

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

Issues:

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
17/13	J Campbell & M.Wright	Mr Kevin Duncan	Subdivision	Gadsdens Lane Coonamble	16 July 2013
16/13	G&P Heiken	Mr G Heiken	Erection of shed	Effie Durham Drive Coonamble	17 July 2013

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
11/13	Bryan Pennell	Owner	Extend awning + enclose walls	33-35 Nebea Street Coonamble	17 July 2013
15/13	M&C Graham	Mr M Graham	Inground swimming pool	13 Castlereagh St Coonamble	17 July 2013
18/13	Stewart Robinson	Owner	Replace shed	20 Smith Street Coonamble	18 July 2013

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application Nos 017/2013 and 016/2013, together with Complying Development Application Nos. 011/2013, 015/2013 and 018/2013, were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.2 POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND THE
PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

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

Background:

At the meeting held on 12 June 2013 Council resolved to place the draft Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition.

Issues:

The document was on display from 19 June to 19 July 2013, with the closing time for submissions being 5.00 p.m. Friday 19 July 2013. No submissions were received.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Section 252 of the Local Government Act requires Council to have a separate policy for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities for councillors as does clause 403 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the Policy for Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors, noting that the document was on public exhibition for the prescribed period and no submissions were received.

11.3 COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 2016***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L2 A community that supports active respected leaders.*****Background:**

This matter was the subject of a report by me to the May 2013 meeting. For the Electoral Commission to conduct the election, the Council must resolve to make arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections for Council until the conclusion of the following ordinary election of councillors.

Council passed the following resolution at its meeting on 15 May 2013:

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.

Council elections are held every four years – the next is due September 2016.

Issues:

Council wrote to the Electoral Commissioner advising in accordance with the above resolution, however the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) has since explained the impact of the amendments to section 296 of the Local Government Act for elections to be conducted by the General Manager of a Council or the Electoral Commissioner.

As previously advised, NSWEC has now provided the revised wording for the resolution to be passed by Council (3 options), to engage the NSW Electoral Commission for the management of elections, polls and referenda – see below:

The [insert full description of council] ("the Council") resolves:

- 1. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council*
- 2. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council*
- 3. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a constitution referendum arrangement be entered into by the contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council*

The NSWEC advises that this resolution must be passed at least 18 months before the next ordinary election of councillors.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:
Section 296 Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Considerations:
Advised previously – refer report to May 2013 meeting.

Options:
N/A

Recommendation:
That the Coonamble Shire Council (“the Council”) resolves:

- 1. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (“the Act”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council**
- 2. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council**
- 3. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a constitution referendum arrangement be entered into by the contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council**

11.4 R H DOUGHERTY AWARDS

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

L1.4.3 Provide high quality customer service to the community

P2.1.2 Work with police and communities to target crime "hot spots"

P2.1.4 Encourage safety audits for elderly residents

Background:

The RH Dougherty awards were established in 1981 and are named after former Local Government Association President, Robert Henry Dougherty. One of his visions was "to develop real means of communication between councils and their ratepayers".

Issues:

This year Council entered and won the "Excellence in Communication" Award for councils with a population of less than 30,000, being for a community or public relations campaign or special event.

Coonamble Shire Council's Burglar Beware project was entered into *the Division A: population less than 30,000 - Excellence in Communication Award*. Other entrants included Bega Valley Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Gunnedah Shire, Kiama Municipal Council, Warrumbungle Shire and Wyong Shire Council.

The Awards showcase initiatives that involve, educate and communicate with communities and are judged by experts in the communications field.

At the event, Joint President of Local Government NSW, Cr Keith Rhoades, said "No longer is a standard letter or a simple mayoral column considered effective ways of informing communities about what's going in their neighbourhoods, and the 2013 LG Week Award winners demonstrated how NSW councils are leading the way in community communications and innovative thinking."

Council was also recognised as one of the top four State finalists in the Youth Week Award category *Best Small Council with the Most Outstanding Youth Week Program 2013*. Being recognised as a finalist in this Award category is a great achievement and provides encouragement for the Shire's Youth Council members to remain focussed on positive community action.

Judges' comments:

Coonamble – excellent award entry, an example of clarity of purpose and good writing, excellent project, excellent results. Coonamble Shire's Burglar Beware project was well thought out, with the information disseminated throughout the community in wide-ranging ways from street stalls to community radio. The reduction in break and enters by 55% year on year – well the results in crime reduction speak for themselves".

Congratulations to the Director of Community Services, Lianne Tasker and her team – Josh Fernando and Kelly Hutchinson, for the effort in assisting the community first and foremost. It is fitting that effort is rewarded by recognition and this Award recognizes the effort not only of these staff, but the involvement and commitment demonstrated by Council over the past few years in dealing with difficult community issues and perceptions.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government Amendment (Planning & Reporting) Act 2009

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information relating to the RH Dougherty Award win.

11.5 RATE CERTIFICATE AT LEVY 2013/2014

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent
L1.4.11 Maintain long term financial viability*

Background:

The 2013/2014 rate notices were levied according to the minimums and cents in the dollar adopted for each rate category at a meeting held on 12 June 2013 and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act.

Issues:

The rates levied as shown on the Rate Certificate at Levy 2013/2014 (**attached**) have been brought to account and the valuation figures upon which the rates have been levied have been checked with the valuations determined by Council from the total of the General Valuation.

The list of non-rateable properties referred to on the Certificate have been examined and certified that such properties are exempt by or have been exempted by the Council under the provisions of the Act.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Nil

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

Not applicable

Recommendation:

That Council note the Rate Certificate at Levy for the Year 2013/2014 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

RICK WARREN

General Manager

7 August 2013

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2013****12.1 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – MACQUARIE MARSHES
EDUCATION & INTERPRETATIVE STATION – TIRDF GRANTS**

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

EC1.2.3 *Identify opportunities for new tourism product*

EC1.2.6 *Develop new visitor markets in line with Inland RTO*

EC2.1.7 *Support projects that enhance and promote local
natural resources to encourage business and tourism.*

Background:

Council has agreed to submit a funding application to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund (TIRDF) for a project at Quambone.

Issues:

Council has submitted an application for \$100,000 to develop a Macquarie Marshes Education and Interpretative Station in the Quambone Park. This will provide visitors with a virtual tour of the Macquarie Marshes and feature stories from the local Weilwan people and their connection with the Marshes. The project will provide for a low maintenance undercover structure housing touch screen installation and constructed using natural timbers and materials based on the marsh environment.

The project is on a dollar for dollar basis, with Council's contribution to be made from the reserve set aside for the rodeo arena, as the timing of any successful arena project grant expenditure is unlikely to be required in the near future.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions: N/A

Financial Considerations:

Council commitment to the project is \$100,000 on a dollar for dollar basis.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the submission of the application for \$100,000 to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund grants and that Council will provide matching funds of \$100,000.

**12.2 TOURISM INDUSTRY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
GRANT APPLICATION – COONAMBLE CARAVAN PARK – CABINS
AND TENTS**

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

EC1.2.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism product

EC1.2.6 Develop new visitor markets in line with Inland RTO

*EC2.1.7 Support projects that enhance and promote local
natural resources to encourage business and tourism.*

Background:

An opportunity has arisen to submit an application to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund for a grant to upgrade the Coonamble Caravan Park.

Issues:

An application has been submitted to the above body for grant funds of \$130,000 to upgrade accommodation at the Caravan Park. The proposal is for two cabins similar to those currently at the Park plus four eco-tents.

The application is on a dollar for dollar basis and the funds can be sourced from the \$100,000 repayment to Sewer Fund by General Fund that was not taken up in 2012/2013 and \$30,000 surplus from General Fund.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions: N/A

Financial Considerations:

Council's contribution is \$130,000 sources from General Fund.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note submission of the application to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund for \$130,000 for cabins and eco-tents at the Coonamble caravan Park, committing the dollar for dollar contribution from the 2012/2013 surplus.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Community Services

5 August 2013

13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2013

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/07/2013 compared to 31/07/2012:

	31/07/2013	31/07/2012
Arrears 30 th June previous year	791,468.50	763,910.00
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,635,740.70	5,381,320.67
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,427,209.23	6,145,230.67
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(59,376.42)	(61,347.48)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(48,580.70)	(50,193.38)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,319,252.11	6,033,689.81
Less Collections	(111,946.44)	(52,502.36)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	6,207,305.67	5,981,187.45
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	6,207,305.67	5,981,187.45
Collection % of Total Receivable	0.90%	0.08%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	99.02%	99.92%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 23/09/2013	4.11%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 26/08/2013	3.82%	60 Days	1,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/08/2013	4.20%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 03/09/2013	4.25%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 04/09/2013	3.90%	182 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 17/10/2013	4.10%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 12/09/2013	3.90%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Orana Mutual	Unrated	Term Deposit - 22/10/2013	3.90%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 16/10/2013	4.05%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/10/2013	4.20%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 29/08/2013	4.15%	63 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	At Call Account	3.75%	-	1,000,000.00
CBA	A1+	At Call Account	2.75%	-	1,500,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 16,000,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	19%	50%	3,000,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	25%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	6%	40%	1,000,000
IMB	A2	6%	35%	1,000,000
ME Bank	A1+	28%	35%	4,500,000
Orana Mutual	Unrated	6%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				\$ 16,000,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	78%	100%	12,500,000
A1	6%	80%	1,000,000
A2	6%	60%	1,000,000
Unrated	9%	30%	1,500,000
			\$ 16,000,000
General Fund Investments			9,035,568
Sewerage Investment Fund			2,757,153
Water Investment Fund			4,207,279
			\$ 16,000,000

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 31 July 2013 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2013 – 30 JUNE 2013

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

The stocktake of stores and materials has been completed and a list of store items requiring adjust is set out below:

Excess:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00070	Broom Bass	1	15.14
S00320	Handle Broom	1	4.18
S00472	Petrol	18	24.45
			\$43.77

Items Unaccounted For:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00089	Cement	4	35.56
S00143	Diesel	2039	2,688.85
			\$2,724.41

<i>Items in Excess</i>	\$ 43.77
<i>Items Unaccounted For</i>	<u>\$2,724.41</u>
<i>Total S&M Written Off</i>	<u>(\$2,680.64)</u>

Recommendation:
That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$43.77 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$2,724.41, as shown above, for the period ending 30 June 2013.

13.4 RETURNS – DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

Background:

Councillors and designated persons are required to complete and lodge disclosure of interest returns by the end of September each year. These returns are to be tabled at the next meeting of Council after 30 September.

Issues:

The returns to be completed are for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Section 449 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires councillors and designated persons to complete the returns.

Section 450A(2) requires the General Manager to keep a register of returns and table these returns at the appropriate meeting of Council.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

Nil

**Recommendation:
Submitted for information.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2013***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:***

14.2.04 *Identify infrastructure expenditure by both: • Expenditure Category - asset group; for example, road pavement• Expenditure Type - operating, maintenance, capital renewal, upgrade*

Background:

Each year Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules. These reports must contain a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports (attached).

Issues:

Staff is currently in the process of completing the financial statements and making the necessary arrangements to allow for the Auditors end of Financial year audit to be completed. Council's auditors require the following statutory requirement to be carried out prior to their Audit of Council's Financial Statements

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Required in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

Nil

Recommendations:

- (1) That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2013.**
- (2) That Council's financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2013 be referred for audit.**

13.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS – STATUS REPORT**Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control following the recent period of wet weather.
- Additional Cigarette disposal bins have been installed to the bin surrounds along the main street.
- A trial of a locally supplied bin surround has been ordered and delivery is expected shortly.
- Planned minor tree maintenance has been carried out over the past month including the lopping of trees in Warrana Street.

Vandalism Update:

- During the month of July, there have been no major incidents of vandalism to Council facilities.

Pools:

- Minor planned maintenance work has commenced to the facility.
- An application for the variation to the Building the Communities Grant conditions to allow for the wet play area has been submitted and awaiting approval.
- Arrangements with the contractor for the construction of the wet play area are progressing with the contractor already having conducted an initial site visit to plan the wet play area.

Buildings:

- Works on Council's VIC centre roof is progressing and nearing completion.
- Following the completion of the works at the VIC, the next major planned project to be undertaken are the repairs to the Senior Citizens Centre.
- Revaluation of Council's Building assets has been completed and forwarded to Council's auditor for review.

Recommendation:

That the information contained in this item be noted.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate Services

5 August 2013

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2013**

14.1 URBAN STREETS UPGRADE

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

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.

11.1.8. Continue local sealed roads routine maintenance, heavy patching and resealing.

Background:

Council has, for several years, submitted applications for "REPAIR" funding to upgrade Dubbo Street between Aberford Street and Taloon Street, as the centre through lanes are a designated regional road. A grant of \$63,000, being 50% of the estimated cost, has been provided with Council required to match the funds from either the Regional Roads Block Grant or Council funds.

Council received a report in February 2013 in which the total cost of the upgrade between kerbs is \$335,000 which will require a total contribution of \$272,000 from Council.

Issues:

Council has provided \$246,000 for Urban Streets Rehabilitation in 2013/2014 so unless additional funds can be made available from profits at the Quarry in 2012/2013 or the State Highway 18 works little other works in Aberford Street can commence.

The Roads & Maritime Services has indicated that it intends to replace the asphalt in Aberford Street and Castlereagh Street on the approaches to the Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge. These works are programmed for January 2014 and it would be both practical and prudent to apply asphalt to the road shoulders in front of the Post Office and Council Chambers down to Namoi Street. Funds for these works may be funded from the State Highway 18 profits, with the cost put at \$200,000. The cost of undertaking the upgrade of Aberford Street and the intersection of Mundooren Street is \$311,000. Total cost of works in this area is \$646,000, with \$63,000 from the REPAIR grant.

Other road works that rated very poorly during a recent audit were :

- Nash Street from Broad Street to Pages Terrace (\$224,000);
- Dubbo Street from Warrena Street to McCullough Street (\$121,500);
and
- Warrena Street from Castlereagh Street to Dubbo Street (\$214,000).

These estimates do not include the replacement of kerb and gutter which has been damaged and requires replacement at a cost of \$110/lineal metre or \$48,000/220 metre block. Also not included are:

- (a) the cost of reworking the shoulder of Castlereagh Street adjacent to Smith Park which was not done when kerb and gutter was replaced; and
- (b) constructing and sealing part of Gordon Street near the new Teacher Housing units.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council is the roads authority as defined in the Roads Act 1993 and has an obligation to maintain the roadway in a safe condition for both local and visiting users.

Financial Considerations:

The cost of the works detailed in the “Issues” portion of this report is as follows:

1.	Dubbo Street	Taloon Street to Aberford Street	\$335,000
2.	Aberford Street	Dubbo Street to Arthur Street	\$199,000
3.	Mundooren/Dubbo	Intersection upgrade	\$112,000
4.	Dubbo Street	Warrena Street to McCullough Street	\$121,500
5.	Warrena Street	Castlereagh Street to Dubbo Street	\$214,000
6.	Nash Street	Broad Street to Pages Terrace	<u>\$224,000</u>
		<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,205,500</u>

The estimated cost to include the asphaltting of the shoulders in Castlereagh Street is in the vicinity of \$200,000 but is dependent on a quotation from specialist contractors who have yet to respond to Council’s enquiries.

Options:

The failure of Council to provide funds to rehabilitate its road assets has resulted in a backlog of works that are needed to maintain the network in an acceptable standard. Council, therefore, has only one option and that is to make funds available from profits in the 2012/2013 Operational Program.

Recommendation:

That Council commit all profits from the 2012/2013 Magometon Quarry operations and the Single Invitation Contract to these works.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**(a) Plant:**

- 2 sedans (Toyota) and 2 utilities (Isuzu) arrived – waiting on 3 light trucks (Isuzu) and 2 utilities (Ford & Holden)
- Quotations received for 3 graders – report to be submitted to Council.
- Tenders being prepared for supply and trade of:
 - 2 x multi tyred rollers
 - 1 x smooth drum roller

(b) Depot:

- Clean up – ongoing
- General business
- Ongoing training in stock and ordering online

(c) Airport:

- General clean up
- Quotation for electric fence extension being obtained
- Road to aerial spray facility to be pegged and constructed as plant becomes available.

(d) Workshop:

- General maintenance to plant as required
- Heavy plant maintenance for registration checks in progress
- Light plant and trailer pink slips.

(e) Water & Sewer:

- Water treatment plant – Maxcon continued construction, commenced operator induction and testing
- Indratel – engaged to do telemetry for WTP and water/sewer pump stations at Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone almost complete
- General maintenance
- Investigation into sewerage treatment works tertiary pond de-silting – awaiting reply from EPA, Dubbo
- Filter rotor on Coonamble STP collapsed – quotations received – accepted the bid from Jeff Hort Engineering, Dubbo to complete fabrication and installation.
- Quotations invited for man-proof fence around No 5 reservoir and pump station.

(f) State Highway 18:

- Shoulder grading completed on SH18 north
- Works programmed for August/September 2013 on Wingadee State 2(c)
- A joint inspection with RMS officers identified several projects that require scoping and works proposals for consideration. RMS has also indicated that its construction gangs will be working on State Highway 18 in various locations.

(g) Regional Roads:

- Slashing completed on all roads
- Survey of reseal areas completed
- Routine patching in progress
- Patch grading on MR202 completed
- Edge repairs undertaken on MR7515.

(h) Local Roads:

- Routine patching of all roads as required.
- Reforming on Shire Road Nos 4, 16 and 9 completed
- Reforming on Shire Road Nos 14, 33 and 6 in progress
- Reseal areas identified for 2013/2014 program
- Road base for rehabilitation works on Carinda Road being carted for 2013/2014 Roads to recovery works.

(i) Urban Streets:

- Routine pothole patching in progress as required.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in this report.

K N BRODBECK

Director of Engineering Services
5 August 2013

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2013

15.1 COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP)

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
EN1.1 Provide quality planning and customer services to potential
developers/residents.*

EN2.1.3 Continue to review Local Environmental Plan

Background:

Coonamble Shire Council LEP was gazetted on 23 September 2011 and replaced the former Local Environmental Plan 1997. Since gazettal of the new Plan questions have arisen as to what can be approved in certain zonings, the size of properties to have dwelling entitlements and rezoning of certain areas.

Issues:

A LEP is a legal instrument that imposes standards to control development. LEPs are also used to reserve land for open space, schools, transport or other public purposes, as well as control advertising and protect trees and vegetation. The purpose of a LEP is to achieve the objects of the Environmental Planning & Assessment (EP&A) Act. They are a means to implement strategies. A LEP generally comprises a written document and accompanying maps. **[EP&A Act – s.24 & 26]**

LEPs apply to a particular area, generally the whole, or part of, a local government area. A LEP applying to a particular area is referred to as the **Principal LEP**. The process for making a principal LEP and for amending a principal LEP is the same. That is, in order to amend a principal LEP it is necessary to make another LEP. For convenience, a LEP being made to amend a principal LEP is referred to as an **Amending LEP**.

Most LEPs remain in force until they are amended or repealed by an amending LEP. This is important to provide certainty in the planning system. Where appropriate it is possible to specify that a LEP will have effect only for a specified period or in specified circumstances. The occasions when this is appropriate, however, will be limited. **[EP&A Act s.26(3A)]**

All principal LEPs must be made in a standard form prescribed in the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006. Maps which accompany LEPs, such as zoning maps and the like, must also conform with the *Standard Technical Requirements for LEP Maps (Department of Planning 2009)*. The Standard Instrument and standard technical requirements for LEP maps provide consistency in the appearance of LEPs and assist users interpreting planning controls across different local government areas.

Documents supplied to Councillors are as follows:

- *Original Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011 Standard Instrument.*
- *Land Use Matrix*
- *Zoning Map of Coonamble.*

The main issues for change are:

- *1000ha minimum size in a Primary Production RU1 area to be entitled to a dwelling*
- *Rezoning of certain areas of General Residential R1*
- *Rezoning part of "The Meglo" to General Industrial IN1 to allow for dwellings to be situated within the Industrial Area.*
- *Expansion of Local Centre B2*
- *Areas of Railway Street to be rezoned to suit existing uses*
- *Large Lot Residential R5 which has a current minimum lot size of 2ha to reduce in lot size.*

Any submission to the Department of Planning needs to be comprehensive, as it is unlikely that any other review will be entertained in the near future. Accordingly, it is paramount that Councillors take time to consider shortcomings of the present Plan and consult with their constituents to best address this opportunity to alter the current LEP.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Every Council must have a Local Environmental Plan to suit the needs of its individual area.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

- (1) Not proceed with changes to the CSC LEP 2011
- (2) Consider the current LEP and recommend changes required.

Recommendation:

That Council review the current LEP, place advertisements in the local newspaper requesting submissions and review submissions and the LEP at the November 2013 meeting, with a view to making a formal submission to the Department of Planning for consideration of changes.

15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – JULY 2013

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

STATISTICS:

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date 2012/2013 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	7	7
Infringements (Animals)	5	5
Infringements (Other)	2	2
Microchipped dogs Registrations	6	6
Nuisance dog declaration	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
<u>Impoundments</u>		
Dogs	35	35
Cats	10	10
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	45	45
Motor vehicle	1	1
<i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i>		
Dogs destroyed	28	28
Dogs surrendered by owner	9	9
Dogs re-housed	0	0
Dogs released	7	7
Cats destroyed	13	13
Cats re-housed	0	0
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	2	2
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

Villages:

Gulargambone: Nil to report

Quambone: Nil to report

Recommendation:
That Council note the information

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services

5 August 2013

16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY 2013

**16.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2013,
COMMENCING AT 2.07 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mr David Vant (RMS Representative),
Cr. Michael Webb (Coonamble Shire Council),
Mr Kel Brodbeck (Director of Engineering Services)
Mrs Moorhouse (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES** Nil

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Traffic Committee held on 19 December, 2012 were tabled for adoption.

Moved: David Vant

Seconded: Cr Webb

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

(a) Signage – Coonamble Township

In response to a question from the Director, the RMS representative advised that the Officer assigned to carry out the signage audit had been taken away from that task to deal with other issues, however he is again working on progressing the audit.

(b) Change Signage – Heavy Vehicle Route

The Director referred to the need to amend signage that exists at the approach to and intersection of Aberford Street and the Highway. He said it requires signage to Baradine be removed from there and installed further south along the Highway to indicate the route is along King Street and into Dubbo Street.

The Director also mentioned that Warrena Street can be used for heavy vehicles coming off Dubbo Street or the Highway, although that is not the designated route.

In response to a question from the RMS representative, the Director advised that the part of Aberford Street from the Castlereagh Highway east to Dubbo Street is not a regional road.

(c) Level Crossings

The Director informed the meeting that he recently met with representatives of John Holland and it would appear that Council will be requested to provide a costing to realign approach roads at four

crossings. He indicated that Council is prepared to provide an estimate for the works to be carried out.

(d) Coonamble Public School – Bertram Street

The RMS representative referred to signage recently installed at this location and pointed out that it is not correct. The Committee agreed to inspect the site following the meeting and to make adjustments where necessary.

(e) Future of Traffic Committees

The Director was informed by the RMS representative that this matter is still under review and there is no information as to the future of Traffic Committees available at the present time.

4. **OUTSTANDING WORKS** - No issues were discussed under this heading.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE/ISSUED RAISED SINCE LAST MEETING**

5.1 **Mr Darius Smith – Quambone Store** – The Committee noted that since Mr Smith addressed Council's May meeting no correspondence has been received for presentation to this meeting.

The Committee Recommends that classifiers be placed in Tucka Tucka Street, Quambone to survey speeds travelled through the village and following the outcome, request the Police to monitor the area, if necessary.

5.2 **Heavy Vehicle Stopping Area** – The Director asked whether there are any funds available from the RMS to construct an approved heavy vehicle stopping area adjacent to the Industrial Estate on the northern approach to Coonamble.

It was suggested the Director raise this matter with the RMS Asset Manager at a forthcoming meeting.

5.3 **Parking for Disabled Persons – Coonamble Community Radio Station** – The Committee noted a request has been submitted for two parking for disabled spaces adjacent to the Coonamble Community Radio Station.

The RMS representative suggested one space would be sufficient – he pointed out that two ramps would be required to service the space.

The Director said he has recently identified areas that require pram ramps to be reconstructed and, perhaps, the disabled ramps could be included in the application for that funding.

5.4 Signage on Kerb Blisters – State Highway - In discussing the issue of signboards being placed on kerb blisters, the RMS representative said this matter should be governed by Council when development applications are determined – Council should select conditions that it wants to apply to these situations. The Director referred to such signage being a distraction and, as such, may result in accidents. The RMS representative said Council, as the consent authority, should control such issues on “road related” areas

The Committee was reminded that it is a requirement for development applications relative to State Roads to be referred to the Roads & Maritime Service when received for comment and concurrence .

5.5 National Bank Driveway Parking – The RMS representative advised that the signage in this vicinity is not correct, noting that it needs to be replaced with “**No Stopping**”. The Director requested that the Committee inspect this area to ascertain if further signage is required.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Assessment of Heavy Vehicle Access Routes

The Committee discussed recent guidelines which have been received regarding this matter. The Director said this Council has recently adopted a fee of \$3,200 for assessment of a route following application. He raised the question concerning traffic grids that are 4 metres wide – asking would Council be responsible to widen grids, if an application was received for a route on which the 4 metre wide grids existed.

The RMS representative said he does not know of another council/authority adopting a fee for assessment. He reminded the Committee, that as a courtesy, any application received be forwarded to the RMS Traffic Committee representative for comment.

6.2 School Bus Shelters – The Director referred to a recent request by a Councillor to investigate the erection of bus shelters at identified locations for school children. He enquired whether the RMS has funds available for such projects. The RMS representative advised there is no money available from his organization.

He referred to Warren Shire Council having been successful in sourcing funding to erect a new bus shelter, but did not know the source. Mr Vant said that different projects were eligible for funding from both the Ministry for Transport and Department of Transport and it may be prudent to make enquiries.

The Committee Recommends that letters be forwarded to both the Ministry for Transport and the Department of Transport seeking the availability of funding for school bus shelters.

6.3 Future Works

The RMS representative referred to works proposed in the vicinity of Coughran's Canyon and asked whether any designs were available. The Director said that this matter would have to be revisited – noting that it was suggested that Mendooran Street be closed off at its intersection with Dubbo Street. He said letters were forwarded to residents and not one written reply was received.

The Director indicated that he would report back to Council to sort out what it wants to do in the area prior to submitting an application for funds. The RMS representative said that Council may wish to stage the works to enable funding to be available in consecutive financial years.

- 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – It was agreed that the RMS representative would nominate a date.

At this juncture, 3.00 p.m., the meeting adjourned and the Committee proceeded to carry out inspections as detailed previously.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Inspections were carried out and the following recommendations from the Committee were the result:

(1) Coonamble Public School – Bertram Street

The Committee Recommends that the “Drop Zone” sign be removed and that “No Stopping” signs be a minimum of 20 metres from the approach side and a minimum of 10 metres on the departure side.

(2) Signage – Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge

The Committee Recommends that “No Stopping” signs be erected from the tangent points opposite the end of the fence on the back of the footpath.

(3) Community Radio Station – Parking Space for Disabled

The Committee Recommends that the parking space for disabled persons be sited west of the driveway adjacent to the Community Radio Station in Tooloon Street.

These Minutes, pages 1 to 5, were confirmed by a meeting of the Traffic

Committee held on the _____ day of _____

Chairman

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013**

Recommendation:
That the report by the Saleyard Manager be received and dealt with.

17.1 SALES

CATTLE:

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
05/07/13	Fat	655	4,393.00	210	804.00	856	5,197.00
05/07/13	Tag Invoice					16	142.00
10/07/13	Store			1657	9233.00		9,233.00
10/07/13	Tag Invoice					25	222.50
17/07/13	Private weigh	38	152.00			38	152.00
26/07/13	Camping cattle in yards					102hd	
27/07/13						51 head	76.50
15-18/7/2013	Camping cattle in yards					102hd x 4 days	408.00
30/07/13	Private weigh	83	332.00			83	332.00

TOTALS:	Scale	776 head	\$ 4,877.00		
	VA	1858 head	\$10,037.00		
	Other Users		\$ 484.50		
	NLIS Tag Income		\$ 364.90	\$15,763.40	

17.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES

17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 31 July 2013	Income	\$15,763.40
	Expenditure	<u>\$21,698.82</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,935.42)

Recommendation:
That Council note the information

AMANDA GLASSON
Manager - Saleyards & Facilities
7 August 2013

18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013

NIL

19. GENERAL BUSINESS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2013