

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup>  
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**PRESENT:** Cr. Tom Cullen, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. M.Webb, J.Walker, B.Burnheim, A.Karanouh, D.Schieb and D Keady (arrived late).  
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

**1.0 OPENING PRAYER**

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No person was present at this time.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**0620 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that an apology be accepted from Cr Dan Keady, who has given notice that he will be arriving later.

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

At 10.00 a.m. a Community Liaison Officer from the Department of Trade and Investment would be briefing Council, with a Powerpoint Presentation, on Coal Seam Gas. Advice has been received that the presentation will cover the following issues:

- *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.*

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

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

**0621 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 July 2013 be confirmed.

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**(a) Moorambilla**

Cr Karanouh asked whether arrangements have been made with Moorambilla to allow one kitchen in the Pavilion to be used by the Pony Club in accordance with the July meeting resolution. The General Manager said the two organisations will work together and there is no reason both events cannot be held simultaneously.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0622 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**Business Arising From Resolution Book:**

**(a) Quarry Development – Item 13.2 – Min No 9388**

Cr Webb drew attention to the incorrect date in the Status section and asked that it be changed to read “ noting the original application was provided in July 2012” (not 2013 as stated).

**9.0 MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following issues:

- Attended meeting at Coonabarabran – 6 August 2013 – with Cr Webb and General Manager. Meeting organised by Kevin Humphries with the aim of each representative outlining the fire prevention and fire management strategies for each department (NPWS, RFS & DPI) – as well as the responsibilities each department holds in the case that a natural disaster is called under Section 44. Councils invited were Warrumbungle, Narrabri, Coonamble and Gilgandra, however Narrabri not able to attend. The Mayor said that the Commissioner of the NSW RFS acknowledged that action needs to be taken to address the lack of communication between his organisation and the volunteers – he said he would endeavour to address the issue. A Coronial Inquiry will be held and that would be the appropriate time to make submissions. It is proposed to change the Act to give the RFS more control over other agencies, as well as taking action in hazard reduction.
- Met with State President of the Country Women’s Association – advised the CWA owns a building in Kings Cross. Many years ago it was a ‘stop over’ venue for members of the CWA, however over years it has become very run down. It has been decided to get members to vote and hopefully sell the old building.

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**0623 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**

**0624 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 COONAMBLE QUOTA CANCER SURVIVAL FUND R8-10(41035)**

**0625 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb 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)**

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

Council noted that both these letters referred to the Thara Road issue.

**0626 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council defer these items for consideration until later in the day during the report by the General Manager to Closed Session.

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

**0627 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that the Director of Engineering Services obtain costings for school bus shelters and provide a report to the next meeting.

**10.5 GULARGAMBONE TENNIS CLUB R4-2(41054)**

**0628 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb 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(41065A)**

**0629 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh 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)**

**0630 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb 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.

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**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. Seeking some concession to warrant them to keep operating.

**0631 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council advise the proprietors of Gulargambone Caravan Park that it is unable to provide any financial relief towards the water access charge, however the past five years cost for use of the larger water service has been waived.

**10.9 MR COLIN RYAN, GULARGAMBONE T6(41168)**

**0632 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council agree to provide trees and associated materials to the value of \$250 to be planted in and around Gulargambone.

**Section B: For Information Only.**

**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. 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 and 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 Pymont. 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.

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The General Manager informed the meeting that a letter has been forwarded to the NSW Farmers' Association advising that Council agreed to participate in the 2013/2014 scheme at its July 2013 meeting.

**10.14 MRS BEVERLEY CAFÉ B2(40955)**

Referring to records on the War Memorial near Council's Office and advising the initials of her late father-in-law are 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.

Cr Walker advised that he will again refer this matter to the next meeting of Coonamble Sub Branch. The Mayor referred to other errors on the War Memorial – at least two of which he is aware – and said it seems that nothing can be done to correct them.

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

Thanking Council for its continued support of the Local Government Referendum "Yes" campaign and providing an update. Pointing out councils will play a critical role in connecting with their communities and explaining the importance of voting "Yes". 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 local government areas are crucial in representing Basin communities and the Association is the unifying force for the 100 councils it represents. 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.

**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. Saying she is seeking a comparison of the service costs to Council and the State contribution.

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**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. Pointing out two eight two eight advertise they are a financially viable community organization and believing is 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 it will soon contact Council to provide further details regarding polling booth management.

The General Manager stated that 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 on Saturday 7 September – cost \$60/person.

**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.

Council noted that 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. Pointing out the 2013 CASP round has released a range of projects for the region. 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.

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Councillors noted that a copy of the Calendar was included with the business papers.

**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. Seeking information from local government service providers relevant to the 2011/2012 financial year period.

Councillors noted that this 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.

**0633 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in Item Nos 10.10 to 10.27 inclusive, be noted.

**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. Pointing out that Council's support will ensure this important national campaign translates into effective community action.

**0634 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council advise the Australian Human Rights Commission that it supports the National anti-racism campaign – *Racism It Stops with Me*.

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**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0635 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following matter be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

**10.29 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10**

**0636 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Crs. Karanouh, Cullen, Walker, Keady, and the General Manager, together with partners as advised, attend the Local Government NSW annual conference and the Mayor be nominated as Council’s voting delegate.

**10.30 NSW CROWN LANDS R8-11+R8-11-1+SR109**

Referring to Council’s letter regarding access to Lot 43 in DP754187 and saying Council’s suggested action of gifting the access road to the Crown cannot take place because the administration of the road has been vested in Council under the *Roads Act 1993* – therefore Council does not have ownership of the land to be able to gift it.

A copy of this letter was provided to each Councillor for information purposes.

**0637 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the information contained in this letter be noted.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0638 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**0639 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that Council note Development Application Nos 016/2013 and 017/2013, together with Complying Development Application Nos. 011/2013, 015/2013 and 018/2013, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

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

**0640 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb 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**

**0641 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim 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**

Council’s Director of Community Services, Ms Lianne Tasker, and her staff were congratulated by the Mayor and Councillors on winning the *Excellence in Communication Award* with Council’s *Burglar Beware Project*. Council has also noted earlier in the day that Coonamble was a finalist in the Youth Week Award category – *Best Small Council with the Most Outstanding Youth Week Program 2013*.

Ms Tasker said the awards evening was great and the win was a big surprise. The Mayor said he has had very positive feedback on the Burglar Beware project. The General Manager stated that it is good for Council to receive this recognition and shows Council is serious about its Integrated Planning and Reporting responsibilities.

The Director also mentioned her attendance at the Country Week Expo – saying it seemed quieter than previously, with people appearing to be more attracted to the larger centres, which can provide more health and schooling opportunities.

**0642 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the information relating to the RH Dougherty Award win.

### **11.5 RATE CERTIFICATE AT LEVY 2013/2014**

**0643 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that Council note the Rate Certificate at Levy for the Year 2013/2014 and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

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At this juncture, 9.48 a.m., the Mayor welcomed Mr Adrian Delaney, Manager, Royalty - Department of Trade and Investment – to make a presentation to Council on coal seam gas issues. Mr Delaney pointed out the visit and presentation is part of the Government's CSG Community Liaison and arrangements are being made to address Councils in various areas.

Mr Delaney referred to mining being carried out at Camden and Gloucester and the methods being used. He provided Councillors and staff with coal seam gas fact sheets covering several aspects of the overall operations. He said the gas industry offers considerable economic benefits to NSW and proper regulation and management will minimise any potential impacts on the environment, groundwater systems, air quality and community health.

At 10.18 a.m., Councillor Keady arrived at the meeting.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation. Mr. Delaney said he would provide further information to Councillors in response to some of the issues raised.

The Mayor and Councillors thanked Mr Delaney for his presentation and made Council's and the community's position very clear that we are not in favour of mining – saying it destroys land, decreases land value, landowners are unable to sell property – with the greatest worry being our water supply and fear of contamination. The comment was made – short term good – long term harm!

Mr Delaney left the meeting at 10.43 a.m. At this point, the Mayor welcomed Council's solicitor, Mr. David Ryan, whom he invited to the meeting to provide Council with its legal status with the Thara Road issue. The Mayor instructed the meeting to resolve into Closed Session and agree to bring forward Item No. 18.4.

**18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0644 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 s10A:

*“(2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors); and*

*(2)(d)(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;*

*(2)(g) advice concerning litigation.”*

**0645 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

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**18.4 THARA ROAD**

The General Manager submitted a comprehensive report to Closed Session which provided complete details and procedures, as well as processes followed and regulations to be followed in accordance with legislative requirements in dealing with this issue. Council's solicitor, Mr. David Ryan, briefed Council and answered questions.

At this juncture, 11.21 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.38 a.m. noting that the meeting was still in Closed Session. It was agreed to deal with other matters listed for consideration in Closed Session.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0646 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**0647 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 – 18.6 and 19.1 as detailed below:

**18.4 THARA ROAD**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council complete the required process for determining the boundaries of the road in question in accordance with Section 20 of the Roads Act 1993. *Carried 5votes/2votes*

Councillor Burnheim declared an interest in the following matter and left the room.

**18.1 JOHN JACKSON – ILLEGAL USE OF LAND – BARTON STREET**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council advise Mr Jackson its previous resolution (namely Resolution #0619/20.1 of 10 July 2013) stands.

Cr. Burnheim returned to the meeting.

Cr Schieb declared an interest in Item Nos 18.2 & 18.3 and took no part in the debate or decisions.

**18.2 MR PAUL KELLY – PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council note arrangements made for the sale of the subject block (Lot 5) in the Industrial Estate to Mr Kelly for \$37,000 and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to relevant documents.

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**18.3 RAY WHITE REAL ESTATE – OFFER FOR LOT 29 INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the offer of \$37,000 (plus GST) on behalf of Mr Stuart Roberts, Ag Auto Spark, Narromine and authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to relevant documents.

**18.5 SHARE FARMING**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council enter into a Share Farming Agreement for a period of three years on a 70/30 basis and agree to fund the deep ripping and removal of boxthorn from approximately 250 acres at the Aerodrome.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CLOSED SESSION MATTER**

**0648 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the following matter be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

**18.6 CH & DA NEWBOLD TRANSPORT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council advise CH & DA Newbold it is unable to allow a discount on the purchase of sealing aggregate to the Company. *Carried 4votes/3votes.*

**19.1 PLANT REPLACEMENT**

**(a) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the tenders from vendors, as detailed in the Director of Engineering Services’ report, to supply and deliver equipment.

**(b) THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council accept the tender submitted by Westrac for supply, delivery and trade of three (3) articulated graders for a price of \$486,000.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**0649 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – MACQUARIE MARSHES EDUCATION & INTERPRETATIVE STATION – TIRDF GRANTS**

**0650 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb that Council note the submission of an application for \$100,000 to the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund grants and that Council will provide matching funds of \$100,000.

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

**0651 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Webb 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.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**

**0652 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**

**0653 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 July 2013, be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0654 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the list of investments as 31 July 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 STORES & MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR – STORES & MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2013**

**0655 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb 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 below, for period ending 30 June 2013.

***Excess:***

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

***Items Unaccounted For:***

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

**13.4 RETURNS – DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**0656 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in this item be noted.

**13.5 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2013**

**0657 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that :

- (a) the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ending 30 June 2013;
- (b) Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2013 be referred for audit.

**13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0658 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the works in progress report be noted.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0659 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 URBAN STREETS UPGRADE**

The Director advised that a grant of \$63,000, being 50% of the estimated cost, has been provided to upgrade Dubbo Street, between Aberford Street and Taloon Street. Mr Brodbeck said Council is required to match the funds from either the Regional Roads Block Grant or Council funds. He referred to his February 2013 report in which the total cost of the upgrade between kerbs is estimated at \$335,000 which will require a total contribution of \$272,000 from Council.

The Director referred to plans by the RMS to replace the asphalt in Aberford Street and Castlereagh Street on the approaches to the Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge in January 2014 and indicated 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 at that time.

Mr Brodbeck said money 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.

In his report, the Director provided the following estimate for works on urban streets:

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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 to McCullough Street	\$121,500
5.	Warrena Street	Castlereagh Street to Dubbo Street	\$214,000
6.	Nash Street	Broad St to Pages Tce	<u>\$224,000</u>
		Total	<u>\$1,205,500</u>

The Director reported that 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.

**0660 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:

- (a) note Item Nos 1 – 6 above;
- (b) make Dubbo/Aberford/Taloon Streets & Coughran's Canyon the priority;
- (c) commit \$540,000 to the works immediately; and
- (d) at the September 2013 meeting, when the surplus from 2012/2013 is available, prioritise the remaining works.

#### **14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0661 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

At this juncture, Council's Manager of Environmental Services was present at the meeting to discuss the Local Environmental Plan. Mr Cock provided maps and other relevant documentation to Council.

#### **15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0662 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

#### **15.1 CONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP)**

Councillors noted that the opportunity is available to change its 2011 LEP to better provide for community needs. The Director informed the meeting of the importance of going through the documentation and making suggestions to him so that it can be documented for a comprehensive submission to be prepared.

**0663 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that a date and time be selected by the Manager of Environmental Services for Councillors to be properly guided through the process of changes to the LEP.

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The Manager agreed to contact Councillors by email with dates and times suggested for the meeting.

**15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – JULY 2013**

**0664 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the report by the Ranger for the month of July 2013 be noted.

**16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**0665 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the reports by various committees be received and noted:

**16.1 Traffic Committee Meeting – 17 July 2013**

**0666 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 July 2013 be received and noted.

**17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**0667 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of July 2013 be noted.

Cr Keady referred to the request for a further meeting of the Saleyards Committee. The Director of Engineering Services said the Saleyards Manager is sourcing quotes for works required at the yards and when these are received the meeting could be convened. The Director also said plans of the yards cannot be located and indicated it may be necessary to have professional plans drawn up.

**20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE** Nil

**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Schieb:**

- Referred to Back Gular Road (SR12) and asked whether sources of funding have been identified for its upgrading – the Director said that Financial Assistance Grant and Roads to Recovery funding would be relevant to the road.
- Pigeon problem – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said staff are investigating options available to cull the birds – a suggestion was made that contact be made with Inland Pest Control.
- Tooloon Street entrance (behind Sommo's shop) into car park – suggested Council, in the future, look at purchasing the property on the eastern side of the entrance to enlarge the car park and provide sufficient space for caravans to access the area.



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- Seat in front of Sommo's unoccupied shop – vandalism is still occurring – another shop front window has been smashed – turning the seat around has not helped solve the problem.

**0668 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the seat located adjacent to the unoccupied shop owned by Brian Sommerville in Castlereagh Street be removed. *Carried 4votes/3votes*

**Cr Karanouh:**

- Referred to lack of seating in the main street and said Council should have at least one seat in the CBD.

**0669 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that staff investigate costings to have a seat installed under the awning which is part of the main street beautification project.

**Cr Burnheim:**

- Referred to being a member of a business group which has recently had a waste audit conducted – facilitated by David Duffy of Dubbo. He said there are processes in place and ways waste can be reduced. Cr Webb suggested it may be something Council can investigate with its Internal Auditor – the General Manager agreed to raise it as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**Cr Keady:**

- Asked whether the Director would inspect Armitree Street in Gulargambone – it needs maintenance work – the Director agreed to inspect the area.
- SR12 – signage in wet weather – the Director said he would investigate signage for closing this road during wet periods, as it was noted this road is often used by heavy vehicles during wet weather. The suggestion was put that the signs may be permanent structures – advising the road is impassable when wet.

**Cr Walker:**

- Mentioned break and enters in Warrena Street – suggested the Police be invited to the next meeting to provide Council with an update on law and order issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.38 p.m.

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