

4 September 2013

**AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 IN  
THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE COMMENCING 9.00AM**

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
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**9.30 a.m. *Peter and Karen Kennedy***  
***To discuss their proposal for a Heritage Educational and Cultural Centre at their property.***

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
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**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.05 A.M.**

**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. Quarmbly, 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.

**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.

**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 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.

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.

**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 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 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.

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*.

**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.

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.

#### **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.

**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.

**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:**

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

**Items Unaccounted For:**

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
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:

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.

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.
- 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.

These Pages (1/5296 to 17/5312) were confirmed on the .....day of SEPTEMBER 2013 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 August 2013.

**MAYOR**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 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 2012 and proof of the Development Consent in January 2013. Stressing the urgency of the situation. Draft agreement returned following discussion with consultants.**

**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 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. No response received to date**

**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 but no advice forthcoming.**

**REPLACEMENT SEAT – COONAMBLE 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.

**Status:**

**Costs being sought. Report will be presented to the October Meeting.**

**8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED – TO BE REMOVED FROM THE RESOLUTION BOOK**

**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) **Received negative response – declined to participate. COMPLETE**

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

**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.

**Status:**

**The Manager of Environmental Services has scheduled this meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 September 2013 at 9.00 a.m. COMPLETED.**

**ARMITREE STREET GULARGAMBONE**

Request that maintenance work be carried out.

**Status:**

**Director of Engineering Services has inspected the area and works have been rostered. COMPLETED.**

**SR12 – WET WEATHER SIGNATE**

Suggestion that signage be investigated for closing of road in wet weather.

**Status:**

**Council will trial closure/signage during the next wet period. COMPLETED**

**9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 COONAMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**  
**C8+D7(41347)**

Advising the Centre is a not-for-profit organization which assists local disadvantaged people to be linked with support services and to assist the community by providing up to date information and advocating. Stating that the organization also has visiting services utilize its office space to meet with clients – pointing out that these services are provided free of charge. Advising it has worked with Council, DEEWR and Coonamble Employment Circle in coordinating the Jobs and Skills Expo and monthly it facilitates the Inter Agency meeting.

Pointing out its office is located at the front of the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and the lease will expire in November 2013 and the landlord has indicated he may not be renewing it. Advising the Committee is looking at options however office rental is too expensive for the Centre. Stating it receives funding from Family and Community Services, but it is a minimal amount.

Asking for assistance from Council by way of a rent subsidy to ensure the Centre can continue to operate, as its loss will result in a huge gap in services delivered to Coonamble.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – I have received further information that the amount being sought is \$400 per month).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre that due to financial constraints Council is unable to assist with rental subsidy.**

**10.2 COONAMBLE CWA R4+PR1150-8(41356)**

Requesting Council to refund the general rate portion of the Association's rates for the 2013/2014 year, which amounts to \$457.00. Advising that Council's past generosity has enabled the Coonamble Branch to be more active within the community.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to refund the general rate portion of the Coonamble Branch of the CWA rate assessment in an amount of \$457.00 in accordance with past practice.**

**10.3 ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL P&F ASSOCIATION  
D7(41329)**

Advising the Association will continue a long tradition by holding the biennial school fete on Friday 18 October 2013. Stating the fete is its biggest fundraising event and every dollar raised goes towards needed resources for the school. Asking Council to consider donating a prize for the Chocolate Wheel (or other stall) and suggesting products or services, gift vouchers, cash or in-kind donations. Saying the fete is held in the school grounds, commencing at 3.30 p.m. till around 6.30 p.m. and extending an invitation to Councillors and staff to attend.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Discussions with the P&F President have revealed that Council may consider donating a Family Season Ticket to the Pool Complex for this season).

**Recommendation:  
For Council's determination.**

**10.4 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D5-28(41388)**

Seeking approval to hang a banner across the main street for the duration of the 2013 Shop Local Campaign from 16 September until the Christmas Carnivale advising the promotion has commenced and reminding people to shop locally, including Gulargambone and Quambone as well as Coonamble. Saying it is hoped to have large teardrop signs for both Gulargambone and Quambone, which would be placed outside a business in each centre, with the business owner responsible for putting them out each day and taking them down in the evening. Asking what is the process for the banner/signs to be placed.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council's Insurer will require an indemnity from the Chamber of Commerce for any injury that may result to any person or property associated with the erection of such banner).

**Recommendation:  
That Council note the above will be dealt with under delegated authority with the subject to the indemnity being provided by Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.**

**10.5 MR MARK REGAN R8-6-4(41400)**

Writing on behalf of himself and Mr Gary Zell seeking permission to remove and replace the boundary grid and gate between "Delamere" and "Belmore" on the Talegar Lane. Saying it is intended for them to construct the grid and asking for approval to fabricate on site. Pointing out the grid will be equal to or above Council's specifications.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The Director of Engineering Services has had discussion with Mr Regan who has indicated, if approval is forthcoming, that he would cast in situ the concrete abutment and surrounds and fabricate his own steel grid. The Director advises that the grid proposed would, if constructed as discussed, be stronger than what is currently required by Council's specification.)

**Recommendation:  
For Council's determination.**

**Section B – Matters for Council's Information:****10.6 TRANSPORT FOR NSW R8-13(41268)**

Inviting Council to participate in the next phase of the NSW Local Government Road Safety Program (LGRSP) from July 2014. Advising that Transport for NSW will continue to provide ongoing support for the program. Stating the first three year cycle of the program is planned for implementation from 1 July 2014 and resources to support implementation, including Guidelines for local road safety projects and a Road Safety Action Plan template are currently being finalized. Pointing out that the Centre for road Safety and Roads & Maritime Services will organize information sessions to be conducted in October 2013.

**10.7 GREAT INLAND WAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE T3-5(41282)**

Forwarding copy of minutes of the annual general meeting held on 7 May 2013 and advising the tentative date for the next annual general meeting is Thursday 12 September 2013 – venue to be advised.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The membership fee structure currently stands at:

Councils	under 5000 people	\$1000
	between 5000 & 10000 people	\$2000
	over 10000 people	\$3000
Business & organisations		\$ 200
Corporate		\$ 600

At the last AGM it was resolved that this membership fee structure be continued, but that consideration be given to raising fees after the next AGM).

**10.8 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1(41273)**

Requesting permission to use the Coonamble Swimming Complex, including Club House facilities from 1 September 2013 to commence official training. Advising that during 2012/20134 Coonamble Club was represented at both Region and State level swimming finals in record numbers. Pointing out that for the second year running Coonamble won the prestigious Award – *Most Successful Club for 2012* in the Western Districts Association. Saying that in the coming weeks the Club will be holding the official opening of the Club House and invites Council members to attend. Thanking Council for its continued support.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – As has been past practice, Council staff will work in conjunction with the Swimming Club as required).

**10.9 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE S2-1+P5(41276)**

Forwarding copy of letter sent to the Premier, The Hon Barry O'Farrell, outlining the community's dissatisfaction in the Judicial system and lenient sentences handed down by magistrates. Pointing out that as magistrates are appointed by Government, they should be accountable for their actions. Stating that police confidence in preparing cases is at an all time low – with repeat offenders getting “slap on the wrist” sentences. Pointing out the damage just one juvenile offender has caused at least 15 separate families. Saying that judges and magistrates have access to offenders' criminal history and it is appalling that people with multiple charges and returned to society to commit further crime.

Pointing out that as Premier of NSW, he has a duty of care to uphold the safety, well being and property of citizens of the State and it is the Premier's responsibility to bring realistic sentencing into line. Further pointing out that the lack of courage by the Court system to act upon children and their parents, without discrimination, to have children at risk of being made wards of the State. Saying this would have a positive result in the long term reduction in criminal activity. Saying the Coonamble Community Safety Committee's expectation is for the Government to ensure proper diligence and to exercise duty of care to the general public. Asking that the concerns be discussed and action taken.

**10.10 THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY L10(41298)**

In an email addressed to Cr Burnheim, the Lord Mayor said she had a huge response to recent emails about the various inquiries targeting local government, with many expressing interest in working together to protect local communities and the work of democratically elected councils. Advising that to make it easy for everyone to get involved, the City of Sydney has established the *KEEP IT LOCAL* campaign and saying the new website [www.keepitlocal.net.au](http://www.keepitlocal.net.au) is a resource to share with the community and an important part of raising public awareness of the Government's proposed changes.

Asking Council to please:

- Endorse the Keep It Local campaign by providing Council's logo for promotion on the [keepitlocal.net.au](http://keepitlocal.net.au) site;
- Share the site with the community and encourage them to visit it, leave comments and share with contacts;
- Send a copy of Council's submission to include on the site. Pointing out they have over 100 submissions from different councils, regional organisations and community groups already available;
- Send stories, pictures or videos that highlight the work of local councils for inclusion on the site; and

- Personalise the media release in the website's Toolkit and send to local media contacts.

<b>10.11</b>	<b>NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>E2(41368)</b>
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Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter advising it resolved to enter into an election arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer its electoral events:

- 2016 ordinary election of councillors
- Any by-elections occurring in period following the 23016 election up to the automatic termination of the contract in March 2019
- Any referendums and polls during the contract term.

Advising an officer from NSW Electoral Commission will contact Council to discuss arrangements for the 2016 elections. Pointing out that if a by-election, constitutional referendum and/or council poll was to occur between now and the 2016 election, Council may resolve that an arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer that particular electoral event.

<b>10.12</b>	<b>NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – THE TREASURY</b>	<b>H5(41349)\</b>
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Referring to the administrative process for councils to apply to the Minister for the declaration of local public holidays and local event days under the *Public Holidays Act 2010*. Saying that in determining whether to apply for a local public holiday or a local event day it is important that Council is aware of potential impacts that a public holiday will have on businesses. Advising Council should consult with relevant stakeholders, such as chamber of commerce, local banks, major employers and local schools located within this LGA. Pointing out that, consistent with past practice, it is proposed to have the Ministerial Orders declaring 2013 local public holidays and local event days published by the end of December 2013 and Council's application must be received by 29 November to enable sufficient time for processing.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Letters have been forwarded to relevant organisations seeking their input. The Director of Community Services will undertake the required consultation with the schools. A notice inviting other members of the public to comment has been placed in the Coonamble Times).

<b>10.13</b>	<b>PA &amp; KD KENNEDY</b>	<b>PR2460-002+D5+T3(41384)</b>
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Advising Council they will be submitting a development application for a 60ft x 40ft shed to be erected on their property with the intention of having a Heritage Educational and Cultural Centre. Saying they have secured memorabilia from South Australia to be house in the proposed centre and they believe it is a great opportunity for Coonamble's tourist trade. Pointing out the Education Department is interested in utilizing the facility. Detailing some of the activities proposed:

- Harness horses and horse drawn equipment
- Ploughing
- Working dogs (sheep and cattle)
- Cow milking – calf and lamb feeding
- Farm yard animals (seasonal)
- Whip cracking and horse shoeing
- Aboriginal Art – Didgeridoo making/emu egg carving/paintings/stories
- Local Legends section.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Mr and Mrs Kennedy have made arrangements to attend the meeting at 9.30 a.m. to discuss this proposal with Councillors and answer any questions that may arise).

<b>10.14</b>	<b>NSW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>I6(41378)</b>
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Advising that the 2013/2014 Grain Harvest Management Scheme will now be implemented on and from 1 October 2013 to 31 May 2014 on State roads in regional NSW and local roads in participating LGAs. Stating the new implementation date, along with a list of participating councils and grain receival sites will be updated on the RMS website in the coming weeks.

<b>10.15</b>	<b>MELBOURNE BRISBANE INLAND RAIL ALLIANCE</b>	<b>R2(41379)</b>
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Advising that the Hon Warren Truss, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, announced that the Coalition, if elected, will commit \$300 million to finalise plans and start delivering a rail line between Melbourne and Brisbane. Saying that the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail will revolutionise freight movement within Australia and is a Nation Building project.

<b>10.16</b>	<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>G5-1-2(41385)</b>
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Advising of the outcome of Council's funding application for the Coonamble Best-Practice CCTV Security project under the Australian Government's *National Crime Prevention Fund*. Saying the funding round attracted significant interest and applications were of a very high standard. Pointing out that Council's application was not successful on this occasion.

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
4 September 2013

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 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
19/13	McMullen Colin	Owner	Manufactured dwelling	43 Dubbo Street Coonamble	19 August 2013

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
NIL					

**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 No 019/2013 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.**



**11.2 COAL SEAM GAS**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program  
EN2.2 Promote ecologically and environmentally sustainable  
development***

**Background:**

Council was aware that an invitation was extended to Councillors to visit with Gloucester Shire Council on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August to discuss with Council and the community how they have tried to position themselves in relation to a potential open cut coal mine on the outskirts of the town and CSG exploration and production through the valley.

**Issues:**

Gloucester Mayor John Rosenbaum gave an overview of the developments to date with both the potential coal mine and the CSG exploration. The General Manager and a delegation from Gilgandra were given a tour of the sites to see first hand the current development. On Monday the delegation met with other councillors, members of the community, representatives of the chamber of commerce and staff involved in preparing submissions to NSW Department of Planning in regard to the environmental assessment.

The Council and community members present acknowledged they have no formal powers or the economic resource to resist a project classified as "of State Significance". They do accept they can have dialogue with the other competing interests to negotiate a best outcome for their community. This is considered a more pragmatic approach by the Council, rather than total resistance. The Mayor and other councillors indicated the community was accepting of this approach, but there was differences in the degree of tolerance given that some community members depended upon the industry for a livelihood, whilst other believed theirs had been diminished.

Council has formed several working parties to address different aspects of the development and one specifically to deal with the environmental assessment. While the submission is specific to the development there are issues that can be relevant to the Coonamble district should it become subject of CSG exploration.

Generally, the concerns raised involved:

- Road infrastructure – immediate and future damage
- Social capacity concerns
- Water and sewer infrastructure
- Noise and air quality issues
- Water sustainability
- Treatment of waste water from CSG production.

The working party acknowledges there may be some benefit for the community, however this needs to be identified and sustained over the years, not the subject of a 'one-off' contribution.

Cr Aled Hoggett has proposed “*A Framework for Protecting and Enhancing Our Community*” (**APPENDIX A**). This document has been released as a draft and will form the basis of position and negotiation for the Council in dealing with potential developments.

Council's current position adopted at the August 2012 meeting is that it is opposed to CSG exploration and mining in the Coonamble Local Government Area, also having previously supported other councils in seeking a moratorium on exploration and drilling for CSG.

It may be prudent for Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle Shire Councils to develop a relationship and, if possible, an agreed strategy to address the issue of CSG in this region. The Mayor of Gilgandra has indicated he will pursue this course of action.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information regarding the experience of Gloucester Shire Council with coal mining development and CSG exploration.**

**11.3 INDOOR ARENA*****Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
I2.1 Increase cultural events in the Shire*****Background:**

Council has, for some time, been making application for grant funds to undertake a multi purpose rodeo facility at the showground. To date these applications have been unsuccessful.

**Issues:**

Council allocated \$500,000 cash to this project in April 2011, a further \$700,000 was earmarked at the November 2011 meeting to be allocated to the project, sourced from an internal loan from sewer fund. To date the loan has not been taken up as the project has not advanced to this stage. Council has so far expended \$172,000 on various designs and other activities, with an estimated \$10,000 in expenses outstanding – leaving a balance of \$318,000 from the \$500,000 cash.

In early August 2013 the Federal Government announced Round 5B of the Regional Australia Development Fund. Indications were the Government would be considering unfunded priority projects from previous funding rounds, participation is by invitation only – so far Council has not been invited to submit an application and RDA Orana has, to date, been unable to provide any further information due to the caretaker provisions leading up to an election.

The last application was for \$2,931,288 RDA funding for a total project cost of \$5,874,288. The budget costing for the project building itself is in excess of \$4,200,000. Council's current available funds are approximately \$1,018,000. Given the contribution pledges from the Show Society, the Rodeo/Campdraft Association and the Rural Transaction Centre of approximately \$180,000, there is a shortfall of \$70,000. Should the development cost increase to a point where the capital investment value exceeds \$5,000,000, the development application will be subject to determination by the Joint Regional Panel and not by Council.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

To date Council has expended \$172,000 cash on the project and additional costs associated with staff time which have not been quantified but are considerable. The approximate interest payments were calculated to be \$307,470, which would flow from general fund to sewer fund over a 10 year period.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information.**

**11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION**

***The following Notice needs to be moved and seconded in accordance with normal meeting procedure.***

Councillor Bill Burnheim has given notice that, at the meeting on 11 September 2013, he will move the following:

*“That Council create a Discretionary Fund (for want of a better name) in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the last financial year’s surplus to be used by Council for anything it sees fit to benefit residents to make their life better.”*

Councillor Burnheim comments as follows:

“We always struggle to help people, groups or to apply for grants because we are limited by budgetary constraints. This fund, which is approximately 1% of our total budget, will enable us to apply for grants, help new businesses or new business ideas, sporting bodies, service providers, individuals and so on.

I have spoken with Rick and he can see no impediment to setting up the fund and I believe he thinks it is a good idea. It will replace the donation amount or supplement it as Council sees fit, does not have to be fully utilised each year and can be topped up each year from surpluses.

I would like your support to set up and implement the fund as this will enable us as a Council to improve the well-being of our community and take pressure off the budget as it is funded outside the forward estimates for the coming year.”

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – That this matter be considered in conjunction with the June 2013 budget review).

**Recommendation:  
For Council’s determination.**

<b>11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT</b>
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**Author:** *Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor*

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

**EC2.1.1** *Promote the Shire as a location for business development and investment.*

### 1. Diversify Industry Base - Infrastructure, Tourism, New Enterprise

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Western Education & Events Centre	1. Funding – project outline submitted to Murray Darling Basin Economic Diversification Program on 1.7.13 as WEEC is an identified regional priority project.	1. Funding program on hold during caretaker period.
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	1. Smith Park Land Acquisition – 2. Stage 3 – Investment Attraction. 3. Funding – prepared application for Phase 1 Accommodation Upgrade – Coonamble Eco Spa & Caravan Park.	1. In progress. 2. Pending land acquisition. 3. Application submitted 7.8.13 to Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund.
Rail Upgrade	Contacted Rail Corp to check status of upgrade and proposed new siding.	Re-railing complete with increased speeds and loads in place. Line has been re-classified. Price for new siding at Coonamble higher than expected and now on hold due to higher priorities.

### 2. Business Growth – Start-up/Expansion, Promotion, Education, Skill Development

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Support new and existing business	1. <b>Support Business Start-Ups/Expansions:</b> provide information and referral. 2. <b>Chamber of Commerce – Business Training:</b> Sourced guest speaker and assisted with organisation of Business Breakfast Seminar 17.7.13. 3. <b>Chamber of Commerce – Buy Local Campaign.</b>	1. 2 businesses supported/referred. 2. 21 people attended breakfast <i>Reducing Energy Costs in Business</i> . Sponsored by Council and Chamber. 3. Keep Coonamble Kicking due to start mid Sept. Open to Gular businesses this year. Increased marketing and promotion.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report.**

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
4 September 2013

**12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013****12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS****Background:**

In line with Council's 2013/14 Operational Plan, this report presents a summary of community services progress and activities for the period July–August 2013.

**Issues:****1. Community Development****1.1 *Crime Prevention*****1.1.1 Burglar Beware II (break and enter)**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program  
P2.2.4 Work with partners to develop strategies to minimise crime and anti- social behaviour in the community**

The Burglar Beware II project is progressing with 67 enquiries to date. Home security measures provided to community members include alarms, cameras, window security mesh, locks and lighting. The majority of participants have engaged with the community development component of the project which involves connecting with neighbours to increase community "street safety".

**1.2 Youth anti-social behaviour****1.2.1. Bang the Table**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program  
P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people**

The Bang the Table project is progressing with the Youth Council refining a schedule of youth focussed activities.

**1.2.2 Bike Week**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program  
P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people**



Council was successful in obtaining funding through the RMS for promotion of a Bike Week activity to be held on Monday, 23 September. This activity will be for children aged up to 12 years and will be held at the Vacation Care Centre. Through liaising with the Castlereagh Local Area Command's Youth Liaison Officer, the day will provide participants with information on road and bike safety issues. It is hoped there will be an opportunity to provide riding skills workshops and maintenance.

### **1.3 Skill Circle (Skircle)**

#### **Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program P1.3.1 Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection**

The Skircle involves a 12 week pilot program in response to the issue of isolation experienced by young mothers. The program was due to complete at the end of July 2013. However, due to withdrawal of assistance from a partner organisation the project experienced a break. Activities have since re-commenced and the pilot will run until the end of September.

## **2. Vacation Care**

#### **Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program I2.1.3 Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people**

During the July School holidays 48 occasions of care were provided.

## **3. Library**

#### **Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program I2.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need**

- Author talk by Graeme Gibson "More than just talk"
- Thursday afternoon craft sessions facilitated
- Stocktake conducted at Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone Libraries
- Library tour conducted during Local Government Week
- Story Walk was conducted with 20 children and 12 adults attending
- Children's book week was celebrated
- Exam supervision conducted
- Library Connections project commenced
- Annual Patron Survey developed

- External groups utilising Library space:
- Family History group.
- High School Support unit.
- Lifeline
- Interact
- Writer's Group
- Tutoring (3 groups)
- Skircle group

<b>July – August 2013</b>	<b>Total issues</b>	<b>Total returns</b>	<b>New members</b>
Coonamble	3048	2161	26
Gulargambone	207	226	1
Quambone	140	n/a	1

#### **4. Library Connections Project**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program**

**I2.2.1 Expand the role of Council libraries to support early language/ literacy skills and life skills programs.**

**I2.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need**

This externally funded project aims to build connections between the Aboriginal community of Coonamble Shire and the Coonamble Library. The project involves a part time Project Worker (Library Officer) facilitating a twelve (12) month program in accordance with a framework *involving place making, bridge building and cultural development*. The Library Connections Project Worker has commenced and the project is progressing.

#### **5. Tourism**

##### **5.1 Moorambilla**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program**

**P4.4.1 Assist with Moorambilla event**

Continuing to liaise with Moorambilla Festival Inc (MFI) including site meetings with MFI representatives to ensure smooth facilitation of shared use of the pavilion with the Coonamble Hack and Pony Club.

## 5.2 Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft

### Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program

#### P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion

Administration of the Regional Flagship Funding for the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft has progressed in accordance with funding requirements.

## 5.3 Destination Management Planning

### Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program

#### EC1.1.6 Develop new visitor markets in line with Inland RTO

The final Destination Management workshop, where the final plan for the Dubbo region will be released, is being held in Narromine on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September from 1:30pm-4:30pm, venue to be confirmed.

## 5.4 Coonamble Visitor Information Centre

### Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program

#### EC1.1.8 Tourism information be displayed at regional and interstate visitor centres

	July 2013	August 2013
Number of visitors during reporting period	177 (this is up 44% from July 2012)	193 (this is up 39% from August 2012)
Most popular place of origin (where did visitors travel from?)	NSW 62% VIC 23%	NSW 42% VIC 37%
Most popular service request (what did visitors ask for?)	Directions 25% Shire Attractions 22% Accommodation 12% Toilets 8% Lightning Ridge 8%	Shire Attractions 36% Directions 26% Accommodation 7% Toilets 6% Lightning Ridge 5%

## 5.5 Museum Under the Bridge

Planning has commenced for the 2014 display, which will include 100 year commemorations of the commencement of World War 1.

Visitors:

- Two St Brigid's School classes
- 15 CWA members ( as part of their Macquarie Group tour with the CWA State president)
- Group of 19 from Warren and Coonamble visited as part of their social group activities
- 42 Rotarians (as part of their state wide caravan tour).
- Other visitors for July/August: 82

## 6. Local Government Week

Local Government Week provides an opportunity to promote the importance of Councils to residents, ratepayers, businesses and the community generally. Held each year in August, Local Government Week sees Councils across NSW host a range of events and activities to showcase their work to the community.

This year Council facilitated the following:

- Conducted Grants Workshop with eight people in attendance. Positive feedback was received with requests for more comprehensive workshops for community groups.
- On-site tours were offered to local schools and to the general public. A tour was conducted with students from Quambone Public School. This activity highlighted the variety of services Council provides and gave students an overview of the relationship between local, state and federal governments.

### Financial Considerations:

Nil.

### Options:

N/A

### Recommendation:

**That information contained in the Community Services Progress report be noted.**

<b>12.2 SWIMMING POOL WATER PLAY CONSULTATION</b>
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**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –  
L1.1.2 Provide genuine opportunities for people to participate in  
decisions that affect them.**

**Background:**

Council resolved to construct a children’s water play area at the Coonamble Swimming Pool. This report outlines community consultation activity and outcomes related to the project.

**Issues:**

During July and August 2013, community members were given the opportunity to comment on the Coonamble Swimming Pool water play development. Consultation with key user groups occurred through “in-place” activity, targeted contact with parents via other organisations, direct contact and general community notices.

Target group	Consultation method	Number of people	Response
Primary users of equipment-children / parents	Primary school (yr 1 & 2) workshop – <i>in place</i>	20	Immediate feedback.
	Individual interviews with parents– <i>in place</i>	15	Immediate feedback.
	Notice to parents via Public and Catholic Schools (years K – 1)	119	Written response from parent (1).
	Notice to parents via Public School Preschool and Coonamble Preschool.	40	Written response from the children of the Coonamble Preschool’s Tuesday group.
Secondary users - Swimming Club	Email to President of Coonamble Swimming Club	Group	Nil.
Secondary users - General public	Newspaper notices	Community	Nil.

**Consultation response**

Participants were asked to comment on the things they currently enjoy about the pool, what they would like to see improved and their thoughts on the proposed pool equipment. Most popular responses included:

**Primary school children** – The majority of children identified positive aspects of the Pool as swimming/learning to swim; playing games/ being with friends. The top responses for improvements to the area involved the addition of equipment (water slide, diving board) and development of the area (Wave Pool, Water Park like Dubbo/ Lightning Ridge).

Comments about the proposed equipment involved an appreciation of *different* things to engage with and the benefit for smaller children or those that don't want to/ can't swim. All children made positive comments about the equipment and suggested the addition of a "water tipping bucket".

The children's cautionary comments included the risk of sunburn and injury through collision with the equipment or slipping on the surface. They suggested sun shelters and parent/ lifeguard supervision as solutions.

**Preschool children** – Correspondence received from Coonamble Preschool included positive comments about the equipment, especially the Mushroom and Water Spout. Children suggested further improvement to include the installation of a water slide. Children also made comment about the risk of sunburn and suggested umbrellas, shade sails and/or trees for protection.

**Adults** - Written and personal responses from adults were overwhelmingly positive in relation to the type of equipment. The majority of comments involved further improvement via shade and seating so that parents could be in close proximity to supervise their children.

Budget restrictions prevent further improvement in terms of shade and seating at this point. However, this will remain a priority for future development with grant funding pursued at every opportunity.

In response to community consultation, a "water bucket" has been included in the play area.

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That information contained in this report be noted.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

2 September 2013

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/08/2013 compared to 31/08/2012:

	<b>31/08/2013</b>	<b>31/08/2012</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	791,468.50	763,910.00
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,661,987.89	5,389,593.66
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,453,456.39</b>	<b>6,153,503.66</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(61,495.57)	(65,314.37)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(50,314.55)	(53,439.03)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,341,646.27</b>	<b>5,270,840.26</b>
Less Collections	(1,497,992.55)	(1,383,707.74)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,843,653.72</b>	<b>3,887,132.52</b>
Plus Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,843,653.72</b>	<b>3,887,132.52</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	23.62%	26.25%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	76.38%	73.75%

**Recommendation:**  
**Submitted for Council's information.**

<b>13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS</b>
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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 - 25/10/2013	3.30%	60 Days	1,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 15/12/2013	3.90%	120 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 - 27/11/2013	3.90%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	At Call Account	3.75%	-	1,000,000.00
CBA	A1+	At Call Account	2.50%	-	1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 16,000,000</b>

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 Mutal	Unrated	6%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				<b>\$ 16,000,000</b>

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
			<b>\$ 16,000,000</b>
<b>General Fund Investments</b>			<b>9,035,568</b>
<b>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,757,153</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>4,207,279</b>
			<b>\$ 16,000,000</b>



**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 31 August 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 WORKS IN PROGRESS – STATUS REPORT****Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control – during the last month particular focus has been applied to the sportsgrounds.
- Restocking / replanting of two of the main street garden beds has commenced and will be completed shortly.
- Planned minor tree maintenance has been carried out over the past month in Gulargambone.

**Vandalism Update:**

- August saw an increase in the incidents of vandalism occurring particularly to the facilities at the sportsground in Gulargambone.

**Pools:**

- Repairs to the identified leaks have been completed.
- Construction of the Splash pad / Wet play area is progressing well with stage 1 works including the pouring of the slab, running of pipes and erection of shed completed.
- Sand in the filtration unit has been topped up for the upcoming season.
- Preparations for the opening of the pool for the 2013/14 season are continuing.

**Buildings:**

- Works on Council's VIC centre roof is complete.
- Minor planned maintenance works to Council Buildings has been included on works rosters for completion.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information contained in this item be noted.**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate Services

2 September 2013

**14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013****14.1 COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY – WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:*

*I3.1 Deliver safe drinking water*

*I3.1.2 Install a new water treatment plant*

**Background:**

Tenders for the construction of a water treatment plant at the intersection of Barton and Yarran Streets was accepted by Council at the meeting held on 11 July 2012.

Works have now progressed to the stage where treated water is being added to the reticulation network.

**Issues:**

There have been no major issues to report and training and commissioning of the plant will be finalized in the next few weeks.

Attached are photographs of the works completed to date, together with copies of test results showing the chemical composition of the water compared to raw water.

Council operators have received training on site and will have further training at an accredited training venue to ensure the plant achieves the necessary standards with respect to water quality and Work Health Safety requirements.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Council is required to ensure that the works comply with the relevant Australian Guidelines with respect to the provision of potable water.

Test results indicate that the treatment process satisfies the relevant guidelines.

**Financial Considerations:**

The cost of the Water Treatment Plant was \$3.9 million plus the cost of the water mains of \$1.1 million. These costs have been offset by a Federal Government Grant of \$1.2 million.

Council will incur additional costs for upgrading the power, relocating the fluoride injection equipment from No 5 bore and training of staff or employment of additional staff to operate the plant.

There will also be several extras for items not included in the original tender.

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information contained in the report.**

**14.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPGRADE – EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS**

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

***I1.2 1 Continue to invest in levee management***

***I1.2.2 Provide flood levee for East Coonamble***

**Background:**

Council has engaged NSW Dams & Civil Technologies (previously Public Works) to complete the final detailed design of the Coonamble Levee on the east side of the Castlereagh River.

**Issues:**

The project involves the acquisition of easements which are detailed in a report prepared by Surveying and Spatial Information Services. Government Property NSW has provided an updated proposal to undertake the acquisition of easements for the flood levee associated with the Flood Levee Upgrade.

The following easements will be required:

**Private Owners**

- 23 private owners
- 41 individual land parcels
- 41 easements over private properties

**Crown Land**

- 17 individual land parcels
- 17 easements over Crown Land
- Potential Native Title holders

**Authority Land**

- 4 Coonamble District Hospital/Health Administration Corporation land parcels
- 3 Country Energy land parcels
- 7 easements over authority properties.

Government Property NSW proposes to acquire the easements affecting private and Authority landowners by agreement. Where agreement is not reached after a suitable period of time, or where circumstances dictate, the project manager will be advised and a recommendation made to proceed with compulsory acquisition without agreement.

The easements affecting Crown Land will be acquired by compulsory acquisition with agreement and publication of a notice in the Government Gazette. The acquisition of Crown land may involve the acquisition of Native Title interests and, in these instances, advice will be provided to Representative Aboriginal Bodies, as required under the (Commonwealth) Native Title Act.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

The provision of a levee able to withstand a 1% flood event in the accepted level of protection and has been adopted by Council.

**Financial Considerations:**

Government Property NSW has provided its fee for this service as follows:

GPNSW Management Fees	\$ 88,231.00
Plus estimated disbursements	<u>\$111,500.00</u>
Total Est Cost (excluding GST & Compensation)	<u>\$199,731.00</u>

Council will be responsible for only part of this amount, as the majority of funding for the acquisition process will be met by Government agencies.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council accept the proposal from Government Property NSW to acquire easements associated with the Coonamble Levee Upgrade, noting that the work is anticipated to be completed within 18 months of the date that the final plan is registered at Land and Property Information (LPI NSW)**

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

- Orders placed as per Council resolution for three graders from Westrac – delivery 12 – 16 weeks.
- Tenders being prepared for supply and trade of:
  - 3 x multi-tyred rollers
  - 1 x smooth drum roller
- 1 x low loader on order from Brentwood Trailers as per Council resolution.
- 2 x tri-axle semi tippers and 1 x dolly converter on order from Hartwigs – as per Council resolution – expected arrival 2 weeks.

**(b) Depot:**

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

**(c) Airport:**

- General clean up and routine maintenance in progress.

**(d) Workshop:**

- Heavy plant checked for heavy vehicle inspections at Gunnedah, Warren and Dubbo.
- Light plant and trailer pink slips.

**(e) Water & Sewer:**

- Water Treatment Plant – Aquatec-Maxcon – commencement of operator induction and testing at WTP – commissioning first week in September.
- Sewerage treatment works tertiary pond de-silting in progress
- Filter rotor on Coonamble STP to be installed during first week in September by Jeff Hort Engineering, Dubbo.
- Quotation sought for man-proof fence around No 5 Reservoir
- Meter readings in Coonamble, Gulargambone, Quambone commence first week in September
- Reservoir cleaning quotation received
- Re-fencing of STP along river boundary in progress.

- (f) **State Highway 18:**
- Wingadee Stage 2(c) completed up to primer seal stage
  - Shoulder grading on next section in progress
  - Heavy patching works proposals submitted for sections on northern and southern sides of Coonamble
  - Slashing of shoulders completed.
  - Patching in progress.
- (g) **Regional Roads:**
- Details of final seals on heavy patches submitted for assessment
  - Patching in progress as required.
- (h) **Local Roads:**
- Rehabilitation of Carinda Road – R2R stage (v) to commence after harvest and when water is available.
  - Reseal program submitted for design assessment by contractor.
  - Routine maintenance in progress as required.
- (i) **Urban Streets:**
- Routine maintenance as required
  - Reseals for urban streets submitted for design by contractor
  - Quotation being sought for asphalt works in Castlereagh Streets and repairs in Railway Street.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information contained in this report.**

**K N BRODBECK**  
Director of Engineering Services  
4 September 2013



<b>15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013</b>
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<b>15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JULY 2013</b>
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*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

**STATISTICS:**

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>August 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date 2012/2013 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	5	12
Infringements (Animals)	3	8
Infringements (Other)	1	3
Microchipped dogs	1	7
Registrations	2	8
Nuisance dog declaration	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Restricted dog declaration	1	1
<b><u>Impoundments</u></b>		
Dogs	13	48
Cats	19	29
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>77</b>
Motor vehicle	1	1
<b><i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i></b>		
Dogs destroyed	13	41
Dogs surrendered by owner	4	13
Dogs re-housed	2	2
Dogs released	1	8
Cats destroyed	19	32
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

**Dog Attacks:**

Two dog attacks have been investigated - one was a misunderstanding and the other more serious. The owner will be issued with infringements and dog declared dangerous.

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council note the information**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services  
2 September 2013

**16. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW PERIOD ENDING  
30/06/2013  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Background:**

In accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter.

**Issues:**

- (i) *BUDGET REVIEW:*  
Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which has been presented in the new format in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- (i) *Quarterly Review of Budget*  
Local Government (General) Regulation                      Section 203

**Financial Considerations:**

Consideration of the Budget Review and list of budget variations.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:****That Council:**

- (1) **approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (2) **note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (3) **note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 June 2013**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Responsible Accounting Officer.

**17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**17.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE HERITAGE & MUSEUM UNDER THE BRIDGE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cr John Walker, Angie Little (Hon. Museum Curator), Ray Christison (Heritage Advisor), Marion Murray, Helen Cant, Matt Cock (CSC), Kristy Presnell (CSC), Jennie Geerdink (CSC).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Michael Webb, Gordon Ditchfield.

As Cr Walker was delayed, Coonamble Shire Council Grants and Events Officer, Jennie Geerdink was asked to chair the meeting. Meeting opened at 11.05am.

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME:** Council's Grants and Events Officer introduced herself to the meeting as the Museum and Committee's staff liaison member.

*For information*

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** As there were no minutes available from the February meeting, the group went through the November minutes as presented to Council's December meeting to ensure those items had been actioned.

*For information*

**FEEDBACK FROM HERITAGE DAY:** Activities were well received however there was concern expressed at the lack of fundraising achieved on the day. Suggested only one door on the Plaza is opened to "funnel" people through and past the donations tin. Also suggested more signage to alert visitors this was a fundraiser celebration and donations were welcome.

*For information*

**MUSEUM CURATOR'S REPORT:** Hon Museum Curator, Angie Little, presented her report.

- Visitors are attending from across Australia with positive feedback.
- Two classes from St Brigid's visited the Museum
- Research being conducted onto the Old Coonamble Ambulance Station (War Memorial) which was built in 1958 with community fundraising.

- Research being done on the “All Blacks Rugby League” team in Coonamble which started in the early 1980s and won two out of the years they were in existence.
- Research also being conducted on Coonamble Kooris who serviced in the armed forces.
- With the approach of the anniversary of Gallipoli, funding for a new, purpose specific display case has been applied for through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants fund. Included in the application is storyboard holders so information can be clearly displayed. Flags have also been obtained and/or purchased to use in a WW1 display.
- Preparations for the 100 year anniversary of Coonamble Red Cross next year. Coonamble Red Cross has provided continuous service to the community and didn't close down during the Wars, as some branches did.
- Sunday August 4, hosted 15 CWA members who were hosting CWA State President and Macquarie Group President.

*For information*

**HERITAGE ADVISOR'S REPORT:** The next round of the Local Heritage Fund will be available shortly. Four projects were funded in the previous round with a lot of interest from Gulargambone.

General discussion was undertaken on the role of the LHF and how community groups throughout the Shire can benefit.

*For information*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PROCEDURAL ITEMS:** The Grants and Events Officer outlined to the meeting the need to follow the adopted Constitution for the Committee, including the holding of regular meetings and the conduct of an Annual General Meeting. It was agreed an AGM be held on 15 October at 11am in the Council building to be followed by the next general meeting. The meeting agreed this may be the appropriate place for discussion on any procedural matters that need to be addressed.

***ACTION:*** Grants and Events Officer

**NEXT MEETING:** Will be held on Tuesday, 15 October in the Council Committee Room, immediately following the AGM which will commence at 11am.

***ACTION:*** Grants and Events Officer

**Meeting closed at 12.15pm**

**18. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER  
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

**18.1 SALES**

**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
02/08/13	Fat	547	3,507.80	7	28.00	554	3,535.80
05/08/13	Private Weigh	71	284.00			62	248.00
05/08/13	Casual Users						154.00
17/08/13	Fat	710	4,560.00	16	64.00	726	4,624.00
29/08/13	Private Weigh	62	248			62	248.00
30/08/13	Fat	1090	6996.00	16	64.00	1110*	7,060.00

\* Includes 4 head passed in

<b>TOTALS:</b>	Scale	2347 head	\$15,063.80	
	VA	39 head	\$ 156.00	
	Private Weigh	133 head	\$ 532.00	
	Other Users		\$ 154.00	
	NLIS Tag Income		\$ 169.10	<b>\$16,074.90</b>

**18.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES**

N/A

**18.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT**

Period to <b>31 August 2013</b>	Income	\$35,529.39
	Expenditure	<u>\$38,923.88</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>(\$3,394.49)</b>

**Recommendation:**  
That Council note the information

**AMANDA GLASSON**  
Manager - Saleyards & Facilities  
4 September 2013

**19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**NIL**

**20. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**