

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.50 A.M.**

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PRESENT: Cr. Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, John Walker, Dan Keady, Bill Burnheim, Tom Cullen and Don Schieb.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr. Brodbeck and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Karren Kennedy was present to address Council regarding a Heritage Cultural Centre proposed to be established on her property.

Cr Michael Webb declared a conflict of interest (relative of proponent) and left the room while Mrs. Kennedy was present.

Mrs Kennedy referred to the letter she forwarded to Council which was listed in Correspondence as Item No 10.13. She said she and her husband would be submitting a development application to construct a shed, 60 ft x 40 ft, on their property to house a Heritage Educational and Cultural Centre. Mrs Kennedy said they have secured Lord of the Rings memorabilia from South Australia and believe this is a great opportunity for a tourist attraction. She spoke of 'hands on' activities that would take place and was hopeful of having buses bring tourists. When approved and accredited, Mrs Kennedy said the Education Department was interested in having school students visit the Centre.

It is also hoped to have a Local Legends section which, Mrs Kennedy said, would be a way of honouring our locals who have promoted the district in their various equine pursuits. Mrs Kennedy showed Council a site plan of where the proposed shed would be located. She also discussed what is planned to be erected at the entrance to the property to attract travelling public and tourists.

The Mayor thanked Mrs Kennedy and she left the meeting at 10.02 a.m. Cr. Webb returned to the meeting.

4.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Nil

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6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Schieb (as Manager of Ray White Real Estate).

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING

0678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 August 2013 be confirmed.

Business arising from Minutes:

(a) Item No 18.4 -Thara Road

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, the General Manager advised that submissions regarding identification of boundaries have been received. The closing date for submissions is 20 September 2013 and the matter will be listed for further consideration at the October meeting.

(b) Bus Shelters

The Director of Engineering Services said he has obtained information from a company that supplies bus shelters and has been informed they range in price from \$27,000 to \$48,000. The Director said he would contact alternative suppliers prior to providing a report to Council. Cr Walker suggested that the Engineering section may be able to make an appropriate shelter. The Director said it would have to be certified by a structural engineer to ensure that it complied with the Building Code of Australia.

(c) Planning Meeting – 24 September 2013

Councillors noted that the Planning Meeting to determine what changes are required to Council's Local Environmental Plan would be held on Tuesday 24 September commencing 9 a.m. The General Manager again drew Council's attention to the importance of making all the required amendments, as it is likely Council will not get another opportunity to make application for change for a lengthy period. Mr Warren said when Council has given direction on the changes, an appropriate submission will need to be made to the Planning Department.

(d) Macquarie Marshes Education Centre Funding

The General Manager advised Cr Keady that the result of Council's application for funding for the Macquarie Marshes Education Centre is not known at this stage.

(e) Business Group – Waste Management

In response to a question, the General Manager informed the meeting that he has taken this matter up with Council's Internal Auditors, who said it could be a costly exercise. Mr Warren said he would obtain quotes from organisations qualified to conduct a waste management audit.

(f) Building in Tooloon Street – rear of Sommo's Shop

The General Manager informed Cr Schieb that he has taken no action regarding the suggestion that Council investigate the purchase of this building – he will need a Council resolution prior to taking any action.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0679 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising From Resolution Book:

(a) Quarry

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Engineering Services said that quarry operations are going well – Council has placed an order for 15,000 – 20,000 tonne of product. The Director also reported that Council's application to extend the quarry is into the final stages – it would appear that Council may be able to obtain a 'open-ended' lease for up to 40 years, noting that it may be cancelled with 12 months' notice.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

The outgoing Mayor, Cr Cullen, reported on his activities during the past month. He mentioned the wonderful work being done by Clontarf Foundation in Coonamble and commended those working with the local school students. Cr Cullen said it is a great concept and he was approached by the founder, Garry Nesham, who would like to provide services to other 'schools in need'. Cr. Cullen said he would contact Mr Nesham and, if required, would get a letter of support/introduction from Council.

Cr Schieb suggested that an area be provided for use by kids on motor bikes – he said if there was a designated area to ride, the kids might go there instead of causing nuisance on the levee and in the streets.

0680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that the Council write to the Castlereagh Local Area Command requesting assistance with this proposal and also support from the Police.

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In response to a question, the meeting was advised that historically the Police used to attend each meeting of Council and provide an update on law and order issues. It was then agreed that should Council wish the Police to attend, notice would be given and arrangements were made for an Officer to attend.

In discussing police matters, it was noted that a new Commander has been appointed to the Castlereagh LAC in Walgett.

At this juncture, 10.30 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.52 a.m.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council’s Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE C8+D7(41347)
PROPOSED by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council advise the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre that due to financial constraints Council is unable to assist with rental subsidy.

AN AMENDMENT

0682 PROPOSED by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Keady that Council agree to fund the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre \$400/month until its contract is renewed in 2014 and that the funding be resourced from the Donations Vote.

The amendment was carried 5 votes/2 votes, and on becoming the motion, was carried.

Councillors Cullen and Webb requested that their names be recorded as voting against this resolution.

10.2 COONAMBLE CWA R4+PR1150-8(41356)
0683 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen 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)
A Motion
PROPOSED by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council not agree to contribute towards the P&F Association Fete on 18 October 2013,
WAS LOST.

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0684 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council agree to donate a Family Season Ticket for admission to the Coonamble Pool for the 2013/14 season, as its contribution to the St Brigid's P&F Association Fete.
Carried 5 votes/2 votes.

10.4 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D5-28(41388)

In response to the request to hang a banner across the main street, the General Manager reported that 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.

0685 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council note the above request will be dealt with under delegated authority, subject to the indemnity being provided by Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.

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

In regard to this matter, the Director of Engineering Services said that any such construction should be certified by a structural engineer. He said of the 194 ramps inspected, 192 do not comply with guidelines. Mr Brodbeck said that, in his opinion, Council will get further requests such as this from landowners and Council should get evidence that the landowner's insurer will indemnify Council against injury or other damage caused to any party.

The Director said Council will be forwarding notices to landowners of all grids on Council roads requiring the structures be brought up to the required standard. He said that, besides the actual grid, gates, signage, approaches will have to comply. It was noted that the minimum standard on unsealed roads is 4 metres, however a 7 metre grid is preferable and that is the standard for sealed roads.

0686 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that permission be granted to Mr Regan and Mr Zell to construct the grid as requested, provided their insurers note Council's indemnity against any public liability claim and the installation meets Council's standards.

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. 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.

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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.

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. 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.

Council noted that, in accordance with past practice, 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 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. Asking that the concerns be discussed and action taken.

Cr Schieb said that no response has been received to this letter, which was sent to the Premier some time ago.

10.10 THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY L10(41298)

Advising that the City of Sydney has established the *KEEP IT LOCAL* campaign and saying the new website 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.

10.11 NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER E2(41368)

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. Advising an officer from NSW Electoral Commission will contact Council to discuss arrangements for the 2016 elections.

10.12 NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – THE TREASURY H5(41349)

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*. Advising Council should consult with relevant stakeholders, such as chamber of commerce, local banks, major employers and local schools located within this LGA.

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Councillors noted that letters have been forwarded to relevant organisations seeking their input and the Director of Community Services will be available to undertake required consultation with the schools. The General Manager advised that a notice has been placed in the Coonamble Times inviting comment.

10.13 PA & KD KENNEDY PR2460-002+D5+T3(41384)

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. Pointing out the Education Department is interested in utilizing the facility. Detailing some of the activities proposed at the Centre.

Councillors noted that Mrs Kennedy was present earlier in the day to discuss this proposal.

10.14 NSW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT I6(41378)

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.

10.15 MELBOURNE BRISBANE INLAND RAIL ALLIANCE R2(41379)

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.

10.16 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT G5-1-2(41385)

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*. Pointing out that Council's application was not successful on this occasion.

0687 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.06 to 10.16 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

0688 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following matter be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

10.17 COONAMBLE DISTRICT RSL CLUB C8+G1-6

0689 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that Council agree to the placement of the sign on the side of the garbage bin located in front of the Club, noting the sign has been supplied by Kidsafe NSW alerting patrons of the dangers of leaving children unattended in motor vehicles.

10.18 BIANCA BIRKS S5-1(41440)

A Motion

PROPOSED by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council advise the applicant it is unable to accede to the request for use of the rodeo arena free of charge for a two day bull riding school.

An Amendment

0690 PROPOSED by Cr Burnheim **SECONDED** by Cr Keady that Council advise no charge will be made for the use of the rodeo arena for the two day bull riding school, however a security deposit of \$204 and a key deposit of \$150 (both refundable) must be paid at the time of booking the ground.

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was carried and on becoming the motion, was carried.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0690 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0691 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note Development Application No 019/2013 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 COAL SEAM GAS

0692 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council note the information regarding the experience of Gloucester Shire Council with coal mining development and CSG exploration.

Cr Burnheim suggested that Council should obtain some base line data to support its argument against GSC exploration and mining within this Shire. It was suggested that the Government be approached to fund the three Councils (Warrumbungle, Gilgandra and Coonamble) to appoint a scientist to carry out a base line study. Cr. Cullen referred to this Council's moratorium and said in his opinion carrying out such a study would send a negative message to landowners. Cr Keady was of the opinion that the study would strengthen Council's position.

The General Manager suggested a regional approach may provide a stronger stance. It was agreed that the Mayor approach the other two Mayors to ascertain their intentions.

11.3 INDOOR ARENA

A Motion

PROPOSED by Cr Cullen that Council explore all avenues to improve the Showground, using the money it already has set aside, upgrade all infrastructure and divert 'arena' money to these works, which was subsequently withdrawn by Cr. Cullen.

0693 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information provided by the General Manager in Item 11.3 be noted.

11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION – DISCRETIONARY FUND

0694 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Burnheim that the following matter be received and dealt with.

Cr Burnheim spoke about his proposal to establish a 'discretionary' fund and gave examples of how money could be used. Cr Cullen asked how the fund will work – the General Manager said Council has some reserves from which money can be sourced to establish the fund. Mr Warren suggested that the matter be deferred for consideration during the end of year budget review – he said there is a surplus of approximately \$130,000 for the 2012/2013 year.

Cr Schieb asked why 'earmark' funds – Cr Keady said Council could set an amount every year, however each instance where funding is being considered must be voted by Council. Cr Webb said if the fund is established and money is readily available to assist worthy causes, he can see benefit and noted that each application would come before Council for a decision.

Councillors agreed to defer the motion until after the budget review.

11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

0695 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council note the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report

Rail Upgrade

0696 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Burnheim that Council contact Rail Corp asking why the loop line has been "shelved" and draw attention to the need to have the work proceed as a priority.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

0697 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

0698 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress report.

(a) Moorambilla

In response to a question from Cr Keady the General Manager said plans for the Moorambilla Festival are on track and everything is going well.

(b) Destination Management Planning

Cr Keady said he hopes to attend the final Destination Management workshop where the final plan for the Dubbo region will be released and noted the meeting will be held in Narromine on Monday 16 September from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

12.2 SWIMMING POOL WATER PLAY CONSULTATION

0699 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the information contained in the Director of Community Services' report on consultation on the children's water play area at Coonamble Pool.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

0700 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0701 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2013, be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0702 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 31 August 2013 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0703 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the works in progress report be noted.

The following was mentioned in conjunction with works in progress:

- Cr Burnheim complimented the staff on the presentation of parks, gardens and sportsground – the General Manager said he would pass the message to staff involved.
- Cr Keady referred to main street gardens – why plants don't thrive – the General Manager said it is a work in progress and the selection of more suitable plants.
- Plants over rails – Bag-a-Bargain corner – Councillors asked that suitable planter boxes and/or climbers be placed on the eastern corner to cover the rails

0704 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Walker that suitable planter boxes be purchased for placing on the eastern side of Castlereagh Street to provide a cover over the rails.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0705 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 COONAMBLE WATER SUPPLY – WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Director provided test results showing the chemical composition of the treated water compared to raw water. Mr Brodbeck reported that training of staff and commissioning of the plant will be finalized within the next few weeks. He pointed out that Council is required to ensure the works comply with relevant Australian Guidelines with respect to potable water and said the test results indicate that the treatment process satisfies those guidelines.

0706 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that Council note information contained in the report.

A question was raised concerning a water alliance being established between the four councils of Coonamble, Gilgandra, Walgett and Warrumbungle. The Director said he thought this was in connection with sharing resources and even staff and was discussed when the State Government was talking about taking over water authorities.

The Director of Engineering Services advised Council in regard to a chemical spill that occurred at the plant during testing.

The Director said the original proposal for the water treatment plant was \$2.4m - \$2.5m, however extra funds were required as that proposal did not provide for all bores to be connected.

14.2 COONAMBLE LEVEE UPGRADE – EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS

0707 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council accept the fee proposal from Government Property NSW to acquire easements associated with the Coonamble Levee Upgrade, noting 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

0708 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

(a) Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station (HVIS)

It was noted that the facility constructed by Batterline Earthmoving is nearing completion, with only the base to be finished. The Director of Engineering Services said he has voiced concerns about having to take Council vehicles to inspection stations at Gunnedah, Warren and Walgett.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0709 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb & Keady that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2013

0710 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the report by the Ranger for the month of August 2013 be noted.

At this juncture, 12.50 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.50 p.m.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30/06/2013

0711 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the budget review be deferred and dealt with as the final item of business.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0712 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the reports by various committees be received and noted:

16.1 Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge – 6 August 2013

0713 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the minutes of the Coonamble Heritage and Museum under the Bridge Committee Meeting held on 06 August 2013 be received and noted.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0714 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of August 2013 be adopted.

Cr Keady asked whether a date has been set for another meeting of the Saleyards Committee. The Director of Engineering Services said that prices are still being sourced for works required at the yards and when they are received, a meeting will be convened. The Director said the Associated Agents agreed to participate with Council on a 50/50 basis for a promotional advertisement to be placed. Mr Brodbeck said he has not proceeded with promotion signage, instead he will arrange signage on Council's trucks.

0715 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the above information be noted.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

0716 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 s10A:

"(2)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it".

0717 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0718 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

0719 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 19.1 as detailed below:

19.1 CODE OF CONDUCT – PANEL OF CONDUCT REVIEWERS

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that the applicants listed in Schedule 2, and as detailed below, be appointed the Coonamble Shire Council Panel of Conduct Reviewers under Council's adopted Code of Conduct:

- Mr Chris Gallagher, Bateau Bay
- Lee Downes & Peter Mulhall (Investigation Associates Australia), Liverpool
- Mr Mark Pigram (TQC Solutions), Westmead
- Mr Andrew Fletcher, Bathurst

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- Mr Norman Mann, Bathurst
- Ms Monica Kelly (Prevention Partners), Blacktown
- Ms Kathy Thane (Train Reaction Pty Ltd), Balmain
- Mr Greg Wright (Wright Associates), Picton
- Ms Kath Roach (Sinc Solutions), Glebe
- Mr Kelvin Kenney (O'Connor Marsden & Associates), Sydney
- Mr Paul Crennan (Crennan Legal), Bathurst

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30/06/2013

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that Council has a surplus of \$131,883. Councillors went through the budget review documents page by page. The Director made comments concerning various items and answered questions from Councillors. A question was raised about the Single Invitation Contract (SIC) reserve – the Director of Engineering Services said that because Council carries out work for RMS on the Highway, it has to guarantee that work. He said because Council is Principal Contractor it is responsible for the final outcome of the work.

Cr. Burnheim suggested that his motion be now dealt with and additional funds be sourced as Council goes through the budget documentation. The General Manager said that when Council is dealing with requests for funding the legal basis for guidelines will be in accordance with the Local Government Act.

0720 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council create a Development Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 to be used by Council for anything it sees fit to benefit residents to make their life better and that funding be provided from the following sources:

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| • Former Development Reserve | \$ 31,000 |
| • Surplus as at 30 June 2013 | \$141,000 |
| • Eco Spa Reserve | \$ 73,000 |
| • Combara Hall | \$ 6,000 |
| • Bore Baths Study | \$ 6,000 |
| • Industrial Land | \$ 35,000 |
| • Plant | \$ 8,000 |

Councillors Cullen and Schieb requested that their names be recorded as voting against this motion.

0721 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council:

- (a) approve the adjusted variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents, subject to \$20,000 not being donated to the Gulargambone Showground;
- (b) 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.

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

Tooraweenah Road – No 1 Priority

0722 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council change its No. 1 Priority in the Roads Management Plan to upgrading of the Tooraweenah Road, in preference to the Carinda Road which is currently listed. *Carried 4 votes/3 votes.*

CCTV Coverage – requested GM to get quotes to upgrade/update the CTV cameras with latest technology – the older cameras do not give good quality “stills”

Radio Station – Extension of Broadcast Area

0723 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cs Schieb and Burnheim that Council provide a letter of support to Coonamble Community Radio to extend its broadcast area.

Bamboo – Castlereagh River bed – said the amount of bamboo growing in the river bed will cause problems.

Cr Cullen:

Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council

0724 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council write to the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council requesting that it take immediate action in boxthorn reduction, pointing out that it is growing all over the Shire and urgent measures are required to rid land of the noxious weed.

Cr Burnheim:

School Children – Entry to Pools

0725 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that Council allow school children under 18 years of age free admission to the Council's pools during school holidays.

A Motion

Proposed by Cr Burnheim that during school holidays the Coonamble Swimming Pool remain open until 9.00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **was withdrawn.**

The Director of Corporate Services will bring costings of this proposal back to the October meeting.

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Cr Keady:

- PA System for Council Chambers – requested that quotes for a suitable PA system be obtained and submitted to the next meeting. Pointing out that acoustics in the room are not good.
- Netball ground – requested that attention be given – the Director reported that the watering system in that area had been broken.

Cr Walker:

Camping Area – West Coonamble

0726 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that the General Manager investigate the legalities concerning establishing a short-term caravan park on the former camping area in Limerick Street for travellers who do not wish to stay for more than 2 nights.

Director of Corporate Services:

- Referred to works being undertaken at the Pool
- Visit of the external auditors – later this month.

Councillors noted that two invitations had been received and Councillors were given the opportunity to attend:

- Two eight two eight – morning tea - 12 September to farewell former Executive Officer and welcome the newly appointed Coordinator
- Area Commander – Castlereagh LAC – Police Remembrance Day – Walgett – 27 September. The Mayor said he would attend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.18 p.m.

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MAYOR