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COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
QUAMBONE MEMORIAL HALL
WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013
COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.

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Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
General Manager

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**7.1 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE
SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2013 COMMENCING AT 9.00
A.M.**

PRESENT: Cr Tom Cullen, Cr Michael Webb, Cr. John Walker, Cr Danny Keady, Cr Bill Burnheim, Cr Allan Karanouh and Cr Don Schieb.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Brodbeck, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby and Mrs Moorhouse.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager informed the meeting that it was his duty to act as Returning Officer for the Election of the Mayor. He informed the meeting he had received the following nominations:

- Cr Allan Karanouh
- Cr Bill Burnheim
- Cr Tom Cullen
- Cr Michael Webb

2. METHOD OF VOTING

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, informed the meeting that the method of voting must be determined and it could be any one of the following:

- Open Voting (show of hands)
- Ordinary Ballot
- Preferential Ballot

Councillors voted on the method of voting, with the following result:

- Open Voting 1 vote
- Ordinary Ballot 4 votes
- Preferential Ballot Nil

At this juncture the General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for further nominations for the role of Mayor. advising that the four nominations listed above are valid. No further nominations were forthcoming.

Ordinary Ballot papers were distributed to the seven Councillors, with the following result:

- Cr Allan Karanouh 2 votes
- Cr Michael Webb 2 votes
- Cr Bill Burnheim 2 votes
- Cr Tom Cullen 1 vote

Councillor Cullen was excluded on the first count.

Ordinary Ballot papers were distributed to the seven Councillors, with the following result:

- Cr Allan Karanouh 3 votes
- Cr Michael Webb 2 votes
- Cr Bill Burnheim 2 votes

Councillor Karanouh went to the third count; Crs. Burnheim and Webb, being even on 2 votes each, went into a draw, the name drawn out was to be excluded.

Councillor Burnheim was excluded on the second count, leaving Councillors Karanouh and Webb to go through to the third count.

Ordinary Ballot papers were distributed to the seven Councillors, with the following result:

- Cr Allan Karanouh 5 votes
- Cr Michael Webb 2 votes

The Returning Officer therefore declared Cr Allan Karanouh elected for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

2. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received, being Cr. Michael Webb and Cr. Danny Keady. Open voting for the position resulted in Cr Danny Keady (4 votes) defeating Cr Michael Webb.

The Returning Officer declared Cr Danny Keady duly elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

At this juncture, Mr Warren resumed his role as General Manager and handed the meeting to the Mayor. Incoming Mayor Karanouh took the Chair and thanked Councillors for their support. He said it is a great honour to represent his community in this important role. Cr Karanouh congratulated Cr Cullen for his service over the past year. Cr Keady also congratulated the outgoing Mayor, Cr Cullen, and said his term in office had been a particularly difficult time, with many hard decisions having to be addressed. Cr. Cullen thanked Council and wished the new Mayor well.

3. ELECTION OF VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES (1 Year Term)

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Council Committee (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

0670 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that delegates, as shown, be appointed to the following Council Committees for the ensuing one year term:

(a) **Saleyards Management Committee:**
Councillor Cullen and Councillor Keady

(b) **OROC Code of Conduct Review Panel:**
The General Manager referred to a report in Closed Session later in the day and suggested that this matter be deferred until that report is considered.

(c) **Council's Internal Audit Committee:**
Councillor Webb Alternate: Councillor Karanouh

(d) **Quarry Management Committee:**
Councillor Schieb and Councillor Webb (plus Mayor)

(e) **Floodplain Risk Management Committee:**
Councillor Webb, Councillor Walker and Councillor Keady.

(f) **Other Committees:**
The General Manager pointed out that, over the life of the Council, it may be prudent and/or necessary to form other Committees and these may be either permanent or "sunset".

4. ELECTION OF DELEGATES - VARIOUS OUTSIDE COMMITTEES (One Year Term)

0671 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that delegates be appointed to the various Outside Committees for the ensuing one year term:

(a) **Traffic Facilities Committee:**
Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Webb

(b) **Bush Fire Management Committee:**
Councillor Webb and Councillor Cullen

(c) **Great Inland Way Tourist Promotions:**
Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Keady

(d) **Outback Arts:**
Councillor Burnheim Alternate Councillor Walker

- (e) **Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Committee:**
Councillor Cullen and Councillor Burnheim
- (f) **Local Emergency Management Committee:**
Councillor Cullen, Councillor Keady and Councillor Webb
- (g) **Closed Circuit Television Committee:**
Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Schieb
- (h) **Moorambilla Steering Committee:**
Councillor Keady and Councillor Walker
- (i) **Employment Circle:**
Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Walker
- (j) **Eco Spa Project Management Committee:**
Councillor Karanouh, Councillor Cullen and Councillor Keady.

5. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL – SECTION 355**

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Committee of Council (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council's Internal Auditors have raised questions concerning the Section 355 Committees of Council and he said that a review would be conducted and a report submitted to Council. Cr Webb referred to Council's request in 2008 to all Section 355 Committees to comply with the requirements of such Committees – with only the Senior Citizens Association attempting to meet its legal obligations.

The General Manager said that to be a Section 355 Committee it was necessary for the Committee to be delegated a function of Council, have office bearers, call meetings, meet at least once/year and abide by Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Cr Cullen suggested that a Showground Management Committee should be elected, however he decided to bring the matter forward at a later meeting.

0672 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that delegates, as shown, remain on the following Council Committees (Section 355) for the remainder of the four year term.

The General Manager advised the meeting that Council cannot appoint a staff member to any Committee, it must delegate the General Manager.

- (a) **Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee:**
Councillor Karanouh and Schieb

- (b) **Quambone Resources Committee:**
Councillor Burnheim
- (c) **Coonamble Senior Citizens Association:**
Councillor Walker and Councillor Burnheim
- (d) **Gulargambone Memorial Hall Committee :**
Councillor Cullen Alternate: Councillor Keady
- (e) **Coonamble Shire Youth Council:**
Councillor Burnheim and Councillor Schieb
- (f) **Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge Cttee:**
Councillor Webb and Councillor Walker
- (g) **Mayor's Fire Appeal - Conn Family:**
Mayor and General Manager
The Committee also consists of Mr David Ryan, Mr Geoff Secombe, Mrs Anne Wiatkowski; Mrs Kylie Parry; Mrs Elizabeth Head.
- (h) **Combara Hall Committee:**
Councillor Keady Alternate: General Manager

6. **REGULAR MEETING DAY**

The General Manager informed the meeting that Section 365 states that Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

0673 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that Council agree to hold its Ordinary Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9.00 a.m. **AND FURTHER** that the March meeting be held at Gulargambone and the October meeting at Quambone.

7. **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

0674 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in Section 367 concerning notice of meetings be noted.

8. **MEETING QUORUM**

The meeting noted a 'meeting quorum' is the majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold Office for the time being and are not suspended from Office.

0675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the information be noted.

9. PECUNIARY INTEREST FORMS

The meeting noted that Pecuniary Interest forms are to be completed and returned to the Manager of Corporate & Urban Services no later than Wednesday, 9 October 2013.

**10. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES
(FOUR YEAR TERM)**

0677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following delegates represent Council for the four year term (expiring September 2016) on the following Committees :

- (a) **Castlereagh Macquarie (Weeds) County Council:**
Councillor Webb and Councillor Schieb
- (b) **North Western Co-operative Library Service:**
Councillor Burnheim and the General Manager (or his nominee)
- (c) **Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)**
The Mayor and the General Manager (or their nominees)

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.47 a.m.

These minutes (Pages 1/5313 to 6/5318) were confirmed on theday of **OCTOBER 2013** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 11 September 2013. .

MAYOR

**7.2 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.**

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

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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
- 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.

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.

These Pages (1/5319 to 16/5334) were confirmed on theday of OCTOBER 2013 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 September 2013.

MAYOR

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 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:
Still awaiting Minister's approval.

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. COMPLETED.**
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 Act 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.

CAMPING AREA – WEST COONAMBLE**11/09/2013**

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.

Status:

Investigating the legal requirements associated with the establishment of a short term caravan ‘stopover area’ at this location.

MOTOR BIKE TRACK**11/09/2013**

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.

Status:

Waiting to take up with the newly appointed Superintendent of the Castlereagh Local Area Command.

PLANTER BOXES

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.

Status:

Sourcing appropriate vandal-proof containers.

CCTV COVERAGE – UPGRADE

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

Status:

In progress

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

Status:

Advertised in the local press and pool staff have been instructed of Council's decision. COMPLETED.

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.

Status:

Quotes will be tabled at the meeting. COMPLETED.

9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2013

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 VERN SMITH R4-6+PR1192(41509)

Advising that the area in question of 2.62ha (Lot 15 DP113414) is fenced within the property known as “Wyndorah”. Saying he had been led to believe that Lot 15 was part of the Burrabogie Pastoral Company holding and had indicated this to Council previously. Stating that now the matter is resolved and the sale of the said area completed he is requesting that the amount of \$1,234.43 (paid by him as overdue rates) be refunded.

Pointing out when he received a Notice of Valuation from the Valuer General in 2009 he could get no clarification from the Land and Property Management as to the exact location of the land – the area is described in the current CT as being located in the Parish of Nimbia, when – in fact – it is located in the Parish of Conimbria.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER - In October 2012 Mr Smith wrote to Council in regard to rates and charges on the subject allotment for period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, stating it is the first such notice received since selling the property in 1979. Council advised that as he was the owner of the land he was responsible for payment. Mr. Smith paid the amount of \$1,234.43 to avoid legal action.

I advised Council previously that rates were first levied on this property on 1 July 2009, at the minimum farmland levy of \$310 (2010 levy \$325; 2011 levy \$340 and 2012 levy \$360) – the remainder of the balance consists of interest on unpaid rates. Council forwarded rate notices and instalment notices to the address provided by LPI which remained unpaid. Council's debt recovery agents located Mr Smith at his current address and recovery action was commenced.

It is apparent that the Solicitor acting for Mr Smith did not convey all the lots within the property to the purchaser. However, from Mr Smith's most recent letter it appears this has now been done. Council cannot be held responsible for the action, or lack thereof, of third parties).

Recommendation:
That Council not accede to Mr Smith's request for a refund of money paid on overdue rates.

**10.2 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, COMMUNITY HEALTH
S13(41521)**

Referring to aqua-fitness classes at the Coonamble pool and saying two distinct groups are conducted – one targeting older people looking at gentle exercise (morning group) – the other targets fitness and tends to be a younger group (afternoon session).

Highlighting the expense of the aqua-fitness sessions which is \$74 for the 2013 season and saying this entitles the person entry only during aqua-fitness times and saying the cost is quite prohibitive to those receiving pension incomes only. Pointing out that the Coonamble population has a higher than average rate of diabetes, heart disease and obesity and it is sensible to promote regular and accessible exercise.

Asking Council to consider admission to the pool for pensioners at a reduced rate/casual entry.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Should Council wish to change this admission charge, it will need to advertise for 28 days and consider submissions. Alternatively, Council can subsidise any shortfall from its Donations Vote).

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

10.3 TRANSPORT FOR NSW I6(41378)

Advising that Transport for NSW appreciates the commitment shown by OROC in assisting with the trial of the NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme 2013/2014. Stating that following ongoing consultation with industry it is proposed that an additional 200 kilograms on the tri-axle group be permitted on the following vehicle combination for operators accredited in the National NHVAS Mass Management Accreditation Scheme:

- Short combination (semi trailer) – 6 axles.

Asking Council to confirm inclusion of the additional allowance for these accredited operators in the NSW Grain Harvest Scheme 2013/2014. Advising the scheme will be implemented on and from 1 October 2013 to 31 May 2014 on State roads in regional NSW and local roads in participating LGAs.

Saying Transport for NSW looks forward to working with Council to progress towards a long-term plan to support productivity and efficiency gains in the grain industry.

(NOTE BY THE GENERAL MANAGER – Transport for NSW requested a meeting with the Director of Engineering Services and myself on Wednesday 18 September. The Department wishes to extend this initiative to a long term plan and is seeking confirmation from Council.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the extension of the scheme would be a matter for Council's determination, however indicated that he could see no problems, especially if Council could be eligible for funding for the maintenance and upgrading of roads.)

**Recommendation:
That Council agree to the 200 kg increase on tri-axle groups as outlined in the letter from Transport for NSW.**

10.4 COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE D7(41577)

Advising that the Coonamble Ceramics Collective began in 2011 as a sub-group of Coonamble Arts Alive. Saying the Collective organizes community excursions, workshops, provides exhibits to local shows, participates in community festivals and markets.

Stating it has recently opened a new facility – the Talent Scouts Arts Studio which is a community space primarily for use of ceramics, however is also used by other community arts organisations. Pointing out that membership has grown and interest continues to increase.

Saying the Collective is a volunteer organization and establishment costs have been donated by original members of the group. Appealing to Council for financial support to insulate and air condition the hall and saying the total cost, using volunteer labour, is \$15,000 of which the group has raised \$3,000 – hoping Council will give favourable consideration to donating the remaining \$12,000.

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

Section B – Matters for Council’s Information.**10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW B11(41461)**

Providing an important update on the latest action taken on the critical issue of the proposed Planning Bill. Saying a letter has been forwarded to the Premier, seeking that he intervene to ensure fundamental amendments are made to the Bill before it is brought before Parliament. **Please see APPENDIX A**

10.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW B11(41522)

Press Release of 18 September advising the Hon Brad Hazzard MP has agreed to give consideration to review and make amendments to the Planning Bill following a meeting with LGNSW. Stating Minister Hazzard confirmed he was willing to actively consider a number of concessions on the proposed new Planning legislation, responding to LGNSW calls for action, which include:

- Code assessable developments will no longer be used in existing low density suburbs and will be limited to growth areas and Urban Activation Precincts.
- The triple bottom line (economic, social and environmental) will be strengthened, restoring the balance to decision making.
- The proposed limit on holding infrastructure contributions extends from three to five years, with provision for applying for an extension.

10.7 BARBARA & RICK GODFREY M6(41492)

Complimenting Council on its Museum Under The Bridge and expressing appreciation to the “lady on duty” who was very helpful. Saying they spent time at the Museum looking at exhibits and the building and it is good to see history of the area preserved and displayed.

10.8 FOUNDATION FOR RURAL & REGIONAL RENEWAL (FRRR) G5-1-2+L4(41497)

Referring to Council’s application for funding for a project under the REAPing Rewards Program – Round 1 – 2013. Advising it received many more applications than could be funded and Council’s application was unsuccessful. Wishing Council well with the project in future fundraising endeavours.

10.9 WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT H2(41481)

Presenting the Local Health District’s first Strategic Health Services Plan outlining the Board’s priorities, actions and milestones for the first three years, but wish a vision to opportunities in the next five to 10 years. Inviting councillors to download a copy of the Summary Document and the full Strategic Health Services Plan at <http://www.wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au>

**10.10 COONAMBLE & DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION
D7(41501)**

Thanking Council for its generous donation of \$3,000 which will assist young people of Coonamble who are looking to go on to University or take up an apprenticeship/traineeship in 2014.

**10.11 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA – OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL G5-21-2(41500)**

Informing Council that it has been recommended to receive a Community Heritage Grant (CHG) to the value of \$4,600 (ex GST) for a Preservation Needs Assessment of the collection.

10.12 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY G5-21-2(41519)

Advising that Council's application for financial assistance under the NSW Heritage Small Grants Program 2013/2014 has been successful, which a grant of \$5,000 being approved for the project *Our Heritage in Public Art*. Congratulating Council on its project and saying it will make this important information more accessible to all researchers.

10.13 THE HON GEORGE SOURIS MP A11(41520)

Inviting council to submit an Expression of Interest in the Sculpture by the Sea's Regional NSW Sculpture Acquisition Program. Saying the NSW Government, through ARTS NSW, has provided up to \$20,000 funding (depending on which sculpture is chosen) to Sculpture by the Sea to offer one regional NSW local government area the opportunity to own an artwork by a NSW artist on display at the Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi 2013 event. Advising expressions of interest close on 10 October and are invited from regional local government areas who have a current arts policy and who can demonstrate capacity to display and maintain the structure.

10.14 ESSENTIAL ENERGY E3-1(41536)

Advising it has recently appointed a new regional manager to its Northern operations, which incorporate the New England, North West and Orana areas. Advising the new manager, Ben Williams, was previously part of the Northern regional management team and held the position of area manager Macquarie, which involved looking after depots in Dubbo, Mudgee, Narromine and Wellington. Saying Ben replaces former regional manager, Matt Patterson.

10.15	STATE LIBRARY OF NSW	L4(41554)
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Advising that under the Public Library Funding Strategy 2013/2014 Council will receive a subsidy @ \$1.85/capita amounting to \$7,920 and its Disability and Geographic adjustment payment is \$17,456 of which 30% is to be allocated to Local Priority Projects.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – For last financial year Council's cost to run the Library Service was \$253,000).

10.16	TRANSPORT FOR NSW	I6 (41564)
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Advising the original implementation date of 1 October 2013 for the NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme 2013/2014 has been revised to mid-October and councils will be updated as more information becomes available. Stating that at of 26 September 2013 Transport for NSW and the Roads & Maritime Services acknowledge the following local councils that have agreed to participate in the trial of the Scheme:

Balranald, Bathurst, Bogan, Boorowa, Brewarrina, Cabonne, Cobar, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo, Forbes, Gilgandra, Gwydir, Lachlan, Leeton, Narromine, Parkes, Urana, Warren, Warrumbungle, Weddin, Wellington and Young.

10.17	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	B11(41575)
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Providing an update regarding action LGNSW has taken on the critical issues proposed in the State Government's Planning Bill. Advising the Minister for Planning, Hon Brad Hazzard, announced that the Government will implement a number of changes to the Planning Bill, including:

- Allowing councils to modify the state-wide codes to better reflect their local area.
- Restricting code assessable development to nominated growth areas.
- Totally removing the 80% target for code assessable developments has been removed entirely
- Retaining existing appeal rights
- Maintaining current local and state heritage protections.

Saying these changes are a success for local government and, while there are obviously other areas of the proposed legislation still disagreed on, Minister Hazzard has demonstrated that he is taking LGNSW's concerns seriously, which is extremely positive.

10.18	COONAMBLE LOCAL LIQUOR ACCORD	A19(41513)
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Referring to letter of approval dated 18 July 2013 regarding the exclusion to the alcohol free zone. Expressing concerns on behalf of the Liquor Accord, with lifting of the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) at 64 Castlereagh Street. Stating that local licensees, who are members of the Accord, are against the lifting of

the AFZ. Advising the Accord has worked hard over a long period of time to put in voluntary restrictions and rules to minimize alcohol issues within the community.

Pointing out the Accord feels that by allowing a licensed premise to have the AFZ lifted not only sets a precedent, but brings a “displeasing view” to locals and visitors in the main street. Stating the Accord is not objecting to any other component of the licence, just the on street consumption of alcohol and the lifting of the AFZ.

Finally, saying it would be pleasing to see “our local shire” become involved in the Local Liquor Accord to address issues as they arise in the future.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This relates to the continuation of prior approval).

RICK WARREN
General Manager
30 September 2013

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 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
NIL					

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
23/13	Mr H & Mrs J Taylor	J Taylor	Renovations & extensions – exist.dwelling	743 Ottendorf Lane "Ottendorf" Coonamble	17/09/2013

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Complying Development Application No 023/2013 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 THARA ROAD

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

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance & construction

L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

Background:

Council will be aware of the background of this issue – its present position is

“... 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”.

This motion was carried at the meeting of Council held on Wednesday 14 August 2013.

Issues:

A public notice Identification of Boundaries – Thara Road – Shire Road 109 was placed in the Coonamble Times and copies were forwarded to affected landholders. Submissions were invited from any person with respect to the proposed boundaries. Written submissions, to Council, closed at 5.00 p.m. on Friday 20 September 2013.

Submissions were received from the following landowners: **(APPENDIX B)**

1. JF & HA Rackham – referring to the three encroachments in the Surveyor's report and advising as follows:

- Water tank – has been moved (no longer encroaches)
- Rural fencing – will move boundary fence so it will be on the surveyed line when the boundaries are confirmed and fenced;
- Cattle yards – permanent fixture which were there when the property was purchased. Enclosing Certificate of Currency noting the yards are covered under their public liability insurance policy.

Advising that freight contractors have been consulted and they see no problem with the access to the gates at the end of the road. Saying, in fact, they believe it will enable better access than there is now. Requesting that Council allow the yards to remain in place, as they do not impede the flow of traffic or stock.

2. KH & AJM Colwell – advising they have viewed the survey plan and agree with the proposed boundaries. Stating they have no concerns with encroachment of the cattle yards on the area as they are well on the edge of the block and are easily visible and avoidable. Pointing out their only issue is the presence of a rural fence and gate approximately 200m to the eastern side of the area in question, which they believe to be a substantial impediment to accessibility for all users of the Thara Road.

3. Mrs Jean Colwell - saying she is satisfied with the proposed boundaries as per the survey plan. Believing, however, that the rural fence and gate across Thara Road further along than the section under discussion, presents an obstruction to the full use of the road, from both eastern and western approaches.

4. Mr Dennis Fitzgerald – stating now the survey has been completed and there can be no mistake as to where the boundaries are in regard to what is private land and what is Council land, the fence on the southern side of the road should be moved to the correct line and a fence erected on the survey line on the northern side of the road to eliminate any confusion as to who owns what.

Regarding the cattle yards, pointing out he has been using the existing track for approximately four years and they have never posed a problem with access for machinery or trucks. Stating that when the fences are erected on the correct lines there will be 29.7 metres of clear access, which is about three times more room than at present. Pointing out that because the yards are made of galvanized pipe, they are highly visible in both daytime and night time.

5. John Burton – putting forward his opinion as to the legality of the process followed – which is at odds with advice provided by Council's legal representative, but making no comment as to the boundary survey.

Mr Burton previously made a submission which included a reference to the encroachments of fencing, a water tank and cattle yards.

Advice sought from Council's solicitors is as follows:

After considering any submissions that have been duly made with respect to the proposed boundaries, the roads authority may approve the survey plan, either with or without attraction. (In accordance with section 21 of the Roads Act 1993).

The solicitor's advice is that Council resolve to accept the boundaries as surveyed, acknowledging the encroachments and advise the adjoining landholders that should the current situation change and traffic be required to use the identified road, the encroachments may have to be removed to permit traffic flow and should, in the future, the encroaching infrastructure be renewed it be placed on the correct boundary alignment.

With regard to the cattle yards, advice is that with a substantial encroachment such as this, Council needs to consider reasonable options. The following is proposed as alternatives:

- (1) Require the encroachment be removed.
- (2) Close part of the road affected by the encroachment, sell that portion of land to the landholder. (Given the requirements to close a road, or part thereof, this would appear impracticable).

(3) Acknowledge the encroachment and require the landholder to indemnify Council, through notation on the insurance policy, to this effect.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Roads Act 1993
- Local Government Act 1993
- Crown Lands Act 1989

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

Included in body of report

Recommendation:

- (1) That Council resolve to approve the proposed boundaries of the section of Thara Road as gazetted on 13 July 2013, as follows:
Parish of Tahrone, County of Leichhardt, having a frontage of 77.54 metres to Lot 21 in DP754187 and 67.995 metres to Lot 1 in DP204868, 40.235 metres to Crown road (western side) and 41.35 metres to Thara Road (eastern side), being the whole of the Crown Road transferred to Coonamble Shire Council as dedicated in the NSW Government Gazette on 13th July 2012 Folio 3331.
- (2) That Council note the encroachments of fencing and water tank identified on the survey as presented.
- (3) That should the encroachments of fencing and the water tank need be removed to enable use of the road Council commence proceedings to have such encroachments removed by the appropriate landholder.
- (4) That Council note the encroachment of a set of cattle yards 10.5 metres onto the road, as identified in the survey.
- (5) That Council allow this encroachment, subject to the landowner indemnifying Council and having Council and having council noted on a public liability insurance policy.
- (6) That Council carry out minor forming works within the road reserve when plant is next working on the remainder or preceding section of Thara Road.

11.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME (LIRS) – ROUND THREE

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.11 Maintain long term financial viability***

Background:

The NSW Government has released guidelines for round three of the Local Government Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). Applications open 19 September and close 31 December 2013.

Issues:

The Government is not funding directly identified infrastructure backlogs. It is providing an interest rate subsidy of 3% on loans taken up to complete these projects. The identified works must address legitimate infrastructure backlogs. Projects must meet a core purpose of local government intended for community use – e.g. roads, community halls, libraries, parks and sportsgrounds. Projects that do not provide assets to meet an infrastructure backlog in a core service delivery area of local government responsibility will not be funded. A housing project, even if not identified in Council's infrastructure backlog, is eligible for funding.

Preference will be given to projects with a value over \$1,000,000 however the circular does say councils considering smaller projects may be considered.

On a loan of \$1,000,000 @ 6% interest repayments are \$134,431.42 per annum. Interest over the period of 10 years is \$344,314.15. Should, at the time of the loan being drawn down, interest rates are still at 6% the subsidy received by Council over a 10 year period is \$164,914. Should Council apply for a loan of \$1,000,000 over a 10 year period it would need to identify approximately \$116,491 in the budget each year for repayments. Council's last repayment for the internal loan to pay for the bridge replacement is due 30 June 2016. Council's current debt service ratio is under half a percent. The challenge for council, if it was to decide to apply for a subsidy and be successful, is to find an additional \$116,000 per year to repay the loan.

Should Council wish to apply for a subsidy it will need to nominate a project(s) to allow costing.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

A minimum commitment for a \$1,000,000 loan will be \$116,000 per annum expense for 10 years.

Options:

1. Nominate project(s) for LIRS
2. Not participate in the interest subsidy.

Recommendation:

That Council :

- (a) **Determine if it will seek funding under the LIRS**
- (b) **Nominate any project for application**
- (c) **Budget the repayments for the 2014/2015 financial year onwards.**

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Author: *Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor*

Links to Council's Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Plan:

EC2.1 Identify and attract industry programs that will draw new industry to the Shire.

I2.1.2 Encourage development of multi-purpose community facilities.

EC.3.3.1 Support social enterprise opportunities that allow young people to transition from school/TAFE to employment.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Western Education & Events Centre	1. Funding –	1. Awaiting outcome of EOI under Murray Darling Basin Economic Diversification Program
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	1. Smith Park Land Acquisition – 2. Stage 3 – Investment Attraction. 3. Funding –	1. In progress. 2. Pending land acquisition. 3. Awaiting outcome of application to Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund.
Market Industrial Estate	Clarified progress on 3 sales.	Settlement achieved with Delta Agribusiness 11.9.13.
Rail Upgrade	Letter to Transport NSW re extra siding.	TBA
Support new and existing business	1. Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions: provide information and referral. 2. Chamber of Commerce – Buy Local Campaign. Assist Chamber with planning and marketing. 3. Micro Finance for Small Business – discussed with Employment Circle. 4. Shire Business Bulletin -	1. 3 businesses supported/referred. Khan's Supermarket open 23.9.13. 2. 2013 Buy Local Promotion started 16 Sept with 76 businesses participating including 8 Gulargambone and 1 Quambone business. (up from 59 businesses in 2012). 3. Exploring opportunity to establish a service providing Micro Finance to Small Business within the Shire. 4. Business Bulletin for Sept/Oct produced and distributed to approx. 250 local businesses.

PROJECT	ACTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOMES
Orana Skills Attraction Strategy	1. Teleconference with Orana EDO Network 12.9.13.	1. Agreed to share information and resources with Orana Workforce Planning & Development Strategy as proposed by RDA Orana.

Recommendation:

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

11.5 WILD RHINO CAMPAIGN

Author: *Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor*

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
EC1.1.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism product*

Background:

Council has received an invitation from Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana to participate with other Orana Region Councils in the Wild! Rhino Campaign which is seen as an opportunity to maximize visitation to the region.

Issues:

The proposal involves Council contributing to the purchase of a life-sized rhino for the Orana Region, which would form part of a sculpture trail through the public spaces of Sydney, Dubbo and surrounds from February to April 2014.

It is a sponsorship arrangement with a variety of packages available. Sponsorship 'purchases' a blank rhino sculpture – sponsors select a design to feather on their rhino. Up to 75 rhinos will be on display for 10 – 12 weeks. After the event each sculpture will be sold at auction with the net proceeds going to support Taronga's Black Rhino breeding and conservation programs – www.tarongwildrhinos.org.au

The invitation is to contribute to the purchase of a single rhino for the region, however it is not clear where the rhino will be located during the display period. The sculpture trail is to be installed in spaces between Sydney and Dubbo so that Local Government Areas (LGAs) can tap into the 50,000+ visitors travelling from Sydney to Taronga Western Plains Zoo each year. This will give them a reason to stop and spend time in the various LGAs, however Coonamble is not en route from Sydney to Dubbo.

Sponsors receive delivery of the rhino, a sign linking to information about Rhino Conservation programs and marketing activity promoting the location of the rhino, which includes online activity, social media activity, brochures to distribute, Sun Herald coverage, possible television coverage, highway signage (not proposed for Castlereagh Highway). This exposure may help to lift our Shire's profile, but is unlikely to bring visitors following the trail.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

It is proposed to share the cost of a package to the value of \$12,000. The maximum contribution for our Shire will be \$1,000 and the minimum \$545 (if matching funding being sought by RDA Orana is received).

Options:

1. Council decline the offer to participate in the Wild! Rhino Campaign
2. Council accept the offer to participate in the Wild! Rhino Campaign

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

11.6 DRIVER LICENSING PROGRAMS IN COONAMBLE SHIRE

Author: Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor

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

EC4.1.1 Facilitate partnerships that support and develop life long learning opportunities

EC3.4.1 Facilitate partnerships and linkages with government, business and community to develop and improve the education and skill base of young people.

Background:

Since the formation of the Coonamble Employment Circle in 2006, the lack of a driver's licence has been identified as one of the main barriers to employment for a significant number of local people. Various initiatives have been undertaken to address specific elements that prevent people gaining a driver's license, such as assistance with costs and limited literacy support. All these programs have been of short duration and have successfully assisted a small number of people. Although these are much needed programs, the approach to addressing the barriers to successfully obtaining a full unrestricted driver's licence needs to be sustainable and holistic in nature.

Issues:

- Shortfall in short term funding to run Orana Driver Learner Program in Coonamble in 2013/14.
- The feasibility of a sustainable Learner Driver Mentor Program for Coonamble Shire is being investigated in regards to identifying funding sources and gathering stakeholder support and will take time to develop.
- Coonamble Shire is not included in the current Restricted P-Plate for Young Drivers program despite comparable issues relating to driver licensing for the local population.

In 2012, members of the Coonamble Employment Circle attended a Regional Workforce Development Forum in Warren and highlighted the need for a regional approach to the licensing issue. A Regional Taskforce was subsequently formed by RDA Orana and a new program developed and successfully trialled in Gilgandra in early 2013. Coonamble has been nominated as the second community to host a trial of the Orana Driver Learner Program which brings participants to P-plate level. RDA Orana and other partners are currently seeking contributions to the \$15,000 cost of the Coonamble pilot program.

In terms of driver licensing, the issue of attaining the necessary level of supervised P-plate driving hours remains an ongoing issue for many people due to not having access to a registered vehicle or a licensed driver. The Coonamble Employment Circle hosted a presentation on a Learner Driver Mentor Program in July which received strong support from local agencies.

This program would provide a solution to the issue of obtaining logbook hours but requires approximately \$50,000 of funding annually to run in our Shire.

In 2013, the NSW Government is introducing a new Restricted P-Plate for Young Drivers program which enables young people in Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke Shires to gain a provisional licence for the purpose of attending health services, training and employment once they have completed 50 of the usually mandatory 120 driving logbook hours. The Coonamble Wungali Community Working Party has since written to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Western NSW requesting that Coonamble be included in this program.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

N/A

Financial Considerations:

No request for funding has been made for any of the programs mentioned.

Options:

N/A

Recommendations:

- (a) That Council write to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian and the Member for Barwon, the Hon Kevin Humphries requesting that Coonamble Shire be included in the Restricted P-Plate for Young Drivers Program.
- (b) That Council support driver licensing and mentoring programs within the Coonamble.

RICK WARREN

General Manager

30 September 2013

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013**

12.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program

L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

P1.3.1 Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection.

Background:

In 2009 a new planning and reporting framework for NSW local government was introduced. These reforms replace the former Management Plan and Social Plan with an integrated framework. In response, Council has produced the following documents:

- Community Strategic Plan "Coonamble Shire 2026"
- 4 year Delivery Program
- Annual Operational Plan
- Resource Strategy (Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Strategy, Workforce Plan)

The long term Community Strategic Plan represents the highest level document. Supporting the Community Strategic Plan is the Delivery Program, a four year strategic document listing the actions Council plans to implement to achieve the community's needs. The Resourcing Strategy supports the Delivery Program and Operational Plan by addressing the financial, physical and human resources required.

The Operational Plan supports implementation of the Delivery Program and outlines the individual actions and activities that Council will undertake in the financial year. This plan links directly to Council's Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Resourcing Strategy.

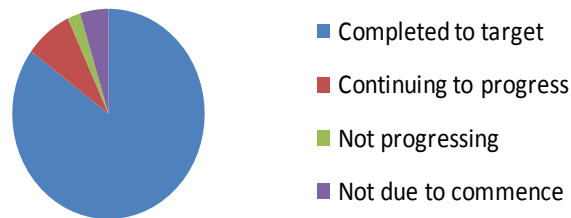
30 June 2013 marks the first full year of Council's operations under the new planning and reporting framework. This report provides a brief summary of progress against the 2012/13 Operational Plan actions. Detailed information will be contained in the Annual Report, which will be presented at the November 2013 meeting.



Issues:

The 2012/13 Operational Plan identified 188 actions across the five themes; Our People, Our Infrastructure, Our Environment, Our Economy and Our Leadership. At the end of the 2012/13 year 161 (or 89.9%) of the 179 actions due for completion, were achieved. The following table provides a status breakdown.

	Our People	Our Infrastructure	Our Economy	Our Environment	Our Leadership	Total
Completed to target	36	48	43	9	25	161
Continuing to progress	0	11	1	2	0	14
Not progressing	0	3	1	0	0	4
Sub total	36	62	45	11	25	179
Not due to commence	6	1	0	0	2	9
Total	42	63	45	11	27	188



14 actions are continuing to progress with reasons for not meeting original timeframes including:

- Weather delays
- Staff being diverted to other priority projects
- Extended review process (eg: LEP)

Actions that did not meet their original timeframes in 2012/13 will continue to be monitored in 2013/14.

4 actions did not progress as a result of decisions made by external bodies (eg: funding not received or event/activity did not take place).

Financial Considerations: Nil.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:
That Council notes information contained in the report.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Community Services
25 September 2013

13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/09/2013 compared to 30/09/2012:

	30/09/2013	30/09/2012
Arrears 30 th June previous year	791,468.50	763,910.00
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,687,942.85	5,394,722.98
Add Transfer from Postponed		-
GROSS LEVY	6,479,411.35	6,158,632.98
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(61,909.11)	(65,519.53)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(50,652.91)	(53,606.89)
Transfer to Postponed		-
Abandoned		-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,366,849.33	6,039,506.56
Less Collections	(1,733,380.22)	(1,625,960.93)
Plus Refunds		-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,633,469.11	4,413,545.63
Plus Postponed		-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,633,469.11	4,413,545.63
Collection % of Total Receivable	27.23%	26.90%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	72.77%	73.10%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 22/12/2013	3.75%	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 - 02/12/2013	3.90%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 04/03/2014	3.85%	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 - 11/12/2013	3.60%	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
TOTAL					\$ 16,000,000

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

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

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 30 September 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 EXTENDING POOL OPENING HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
I2.2 Ensure Pools are well maintained*

Background:

At the September Council meeting a request was put forward for report to be provided Council with detail on the additional operational cost that it would incur if Council was to extend the opening hours during school holidays.

The model proposed by Council involved extending the pool hours during School Holidays, by three hours per night to 9.00pm for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Issues:

The 2013/14 operational estimates as adopted by Council were prepared based on the same level of service being provided to the community.

Should Council wish to increase the level of service provided it will be required to either source the additional funds required or identify possible savings in order to maintain a balanced operational budget.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- NSW Local Government State Award (2010)

Financial Considerations:

Additional estimated expenses that would be incurred by Council based on the proposed model being implemented in Coonamble and Gulargambone Pools is approximately \$11,500. This estimated cost is split between the Coonamble Pool (\$6,600) and the Gulargambone Pool (\$4,500).

The increase in costs is made up of additional employee costs that Council would be required to pay in accordance with existing award provisions.

Options:

1. Council extend the operating hours for the Pools as outlined within its proposed model and identifies the source of additional funds or possible savings to maintain a balance budget.
2. Council maintains the status quo of operations at the Coonamble Pool

**Recommendation:
For Council's consideration**

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

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces under its control - in particular during the last month focus has been applied to the main street garden beds and approaches to Coonamble.
- Planned minor tree maintenance has been carried out over the past month in Coonamble and Gulargambone.

Vandalism Update:

- Continued minor vandalism to public facilities.
- 7 of the Cigarette Butt bins on the recently installed bin surrounds in the main street have been “Kicked / pulled” off.
- Night of the 25/09/2013 vandals untied the wire rope from the trellis in the main street and re tied it across the pedestrian crossing. Staff has removed the wire rope from the trellis until a more secure way of fastening the rope can be identified.
- Footage from the security cameras is currently being reviewed by Council staff and the police with regards to these incidents.

Pools:

- Another major leak at the pool was located and repaired by Council Staff during the month of September; no further leaks have been identified at this stage.
- Work on the installation of the splash pad at the Coonamble Pool has continued as planned with the installation of soft fall and wet play equipment carried out.
- Preparations for the opening of the pool for the 2013/14 season are continuing as scheduled.

Buildings:

- 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 and Urban Services
October 2013

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013

14.1 URBAN STREETS UPGRADE

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

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.

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

Background:

At the September 2013 meeting I was requested to bring back to this meeting a report on works proposed for the upgrade of Urban Streets in this financial year.

As Council will recall a detailed report on Urban Streets Upgrade was submitted to the August 2013 meeting, when Council resolved (Minute No 0660) as follows:

"...that Council:

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

Issues:

As previously advised to Council, a grant of \$63,000 (50% estimated cost of centre lanes) has been provided to upgrade Dubbo Street between Aberford Street and Taloon Street, as the centre through lanes are a designated regional road. Council is required to match the funds from either its Regional Roads Block Grant or Council funds. The total cost of the upgrade between kerbs is \$335,000 – Council's contribution will be \$272,000.

Referring to my previous advice to Council that, in January 2014, the RMS will replace asphalt in Aberford Street and Castlereagh Street on the approaches to the Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge and, at the same time, it will be necessary to re-apply asphalt to road shoulders in front of the Commonwealth and National Australia Banks, the Commercial Hotel, the Post Office and Council Chambers down to Namoi Street. The cost of this work will be in the vicinity of \$94,000.

In my report to the August meeting I drew Council's attention to other road works that rated very poorly during a recent audit, which were as follows :

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

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

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

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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

Financial Considerations:

Council has provided \$246,000 for Urban Streets Rehabilitation in 2013/2014 and reserves of \$362,000 (Urban Streets), \$200,000 (Reloaming) and \$200,000 (Sealed Roads Rural) – which in total amount to \$1,008,000 – are available.

The cost of undertaking the upgrade of Aberford Street and the intersection of Mudooren Street is \$311,000. Total cost of works in this area is \$646,000, with \$63,000 from the REPAIR grant.

The estimated cost to include the asphaltting of shoulders in Aberford Street and Castlereagh Street is in the vicinity of \$94,000, but is dependent on completing the works in conjunction with the RMS.

In my August 2013 report I identified the following urban street upgrades and costings for Council's consideration:

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

Council has further mentioned that Gordon Street adjacent to the new Teacher Housing flats and around Coonamble Terrace as needing attention. These works will cost \$105,600 to complete Gordon Street from Namoi Street to Bimble Street.

Given that the levee works adjacent to Coonamble Terrace will be undertaken in the next 12 months, it would be prudent to defer these works until a future program, when the levee is completed. Total costs for sealing of the following areas are estimated at:

- Gordon Street – to Bimble Street \$105,600
- Coonamble Terrace \$208,000
- Macquarie Street – from Coonamble Tce to Bimble St \$ 80,000

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:		
That Council complete the following works from reserves and the 2013/2014 Urban Street Program:		
(1) Dubbo Street	Taloon Street to Aberford Street (less Contribution from RMS)	\$272,000
(2) Aberford Street	Dubbo Street to Arthur Street	\$199,000
(3) Mundooren/Dubbo	Intersection upgrade	\$112,000
(4) Warrena Street	Castlereagh Street to Dubbo Street	\$214,000
(5) Gordon Street	Namoi Street to Bimble Street	\$105,600
(6) Aberford Street/)	Asphalt works – Aberford Street)	
Castlereagh Street)	and Castlereagh Street)	\$ 94,000
	Total	<u>\$996,000</u>
leaving a balance of \$12,000 from the total reserves which can be kept for future works.		

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

- Orders placed as per Council resolution for three graders from Westrac – first delivery 26 September 2013 – delivery of remaining two units 4 – 8 weeks.
- Tenders invited (closing 16 October 2013) for supply and trade of:
 - 3 x multi tyred rollers
 - 1 x smooth drum roller
- 1 x low loader on order from Brentwood Trailers
- 2 x tri axle semi tippers and 1 x dolly converter received from Hartwigs.
- Expressions of interest invited for sale of 2 x tri axle semi tippers (PO172 & PO174) and 1 x bogie axle converted dolly (PO176)

(b) Depot:

- General works and duties ongoing

(c) Airport:

- General clean up and routine maintenance in progress

(d) Workshop:

- Heavy plant inspections completed
- Light plant and trailer pink slips completed
- General maintenance

(e) Water & Sewer:

- Water Treatment Plant – contractor to make good damage to cable trays and exposed metal – commissioning on hold.
- Sewerage treatment works tertiary pond de-silting in progress – new fence erected on river side of ponds.
- Filter rotor on Coonamble STP completed
- Meter readings in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone completed.
- Reservoir cleaning completed and leak in No 3 Reservoir plugged

(f) State Highway 18:

- Shoulder grading completed north of Wingadee turnoff
- Heavy patching commenced north of Gulargambone and south of Wingadee
- Reseals and final seals (70,000 sq.m) programmed for November after harvest

- Works orders prepared for future culvert widening in section north of Wingadee State 11
- (g) **Regional Roads:**
- Routine maintenance of all regional roads in progress as required.
- (h) **Local Roads:**
- Rehabilitation on “Fairy Bower” section under R2R on SR86 in progress
 - Grading/reforming completed on the following Shire Roads:
 - SR7
 - SR14
 - SR39
 - SR40
 - SR41
- (i) **Urban Streets:**
- Routine maintenance as required
 - Repairs to concrete footpaths in selected areas to commence as resources become available.

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

K N BRODBECK
Director of Engineering Services
30 September 2013

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 OCTOBER 2013

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JULY 2013

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

STATISTICS:

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>September 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date 2012/2013 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	5	17
Infringements (Animals)	2	10
Infringements (Other)	0	3
Microchipped dogs	0	7
Registrations	0	8
Nuisance dog declaration	0	0
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Restricted dog declaration	0	1
<u>Impoundments</u>		
Dogs	13	61
Cats	0	29
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	13	90
Motor vehicle	0	1
<i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i>		
Dogs destroyed	13	54
Dogs surrendered by owner	7	20
Dogs re-housed	0	2
Dogs released	0	8
Cats destroyed	0	32
Cats re-housed	0	0
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	0	2
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

Villages:

Gulargambone: Nil to report
Quambone: Nil to report

Dog Attacks

This month there have been four dog attacks. The owners of three of the animals surrendered them and the dogs have been euthanized. In the fourth instance, neither the dogs nor the owner have been located.

Two of the victims were treated at hospital for their injuries and police were also informed of these attacks.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information

MATTHEW COCK
Manager – Environmental Services
01 October 2013

16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2013

**16.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COONAMBLE SHIRE
YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2013**

Minute taker: Joshua Fernando

Apologies: Tray Blattman, Adam Roworth, Monique Bennett, Cody Gilmore,
Clr Bill Burnheim.

Present: Emily Albert, Ashleigh Deveigne, Riley Fernando, Christine
Blattman, Jasmine Haycock, Kodie Ireland, Lianne Tasker,
Joshua Fernando

Meeting Opened: 1.30pm

Official Meeting & Acknowledgement of country/traditional people – by
Chairperson, Emily Albert

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Emily Albert read the minutes and they were accepted as correct by Jasmine Haycock and seconded by Ashleigh Deveigne.

2. Business Arising from previous Minutes

Youth Council Shirts – had to be sent back to supplier as they were not printed correctly.

3. Correspondence – nil

4. Bang the Table

The group participated in an activity “Would You”, discussing risk taking and decision making while looking at a slideshow of different activities.

Josh advised that quotes are still being collected for the activities suggested by the Youth Council and will be available at the next meeting.

- Group discussed what will happen when the senior members leave school in a few months. Year 12 school leavers are able to continue with the group.

5. Terms of Reference

Amendment to the Youth Council Terms of Reference proposed at the June 2013 meeting

Moved by Tray Blattman, seconded Adam Roworth – *“If any member holding an Executive position is absent from 3 meetings without an adequate reason they will step down from their executive position and become an ordinary member”.*

The proposed change was circulated to Youth Council members June – July 2013 with information that a vote would take place at the July meeting. A vote took place with votes 5/0 in favour of the change to the Terms of Reference.

6. Coonamble Library

Lianne told the group that the Coonamble Shire Library is asking for ideas on how to make the space more “user friendly” for the community. Young people are encouraged to have their say.

The group walked over to the Library to look at the space and discussed about how it could be improved/re-designed. The group then drew their ideas about how the Library floor plan would be better suited to children and young people. The floor plan drawings will be provided to the Librarian.

7. Youth Council evaluation

Lianne asked the group to fill in a Youth Council evaluation form which will give information on how Youth Council members feel about being members of the group. The information will help Lianne, Josh & Kodie to make sure the Youth Council continues to work within a positive and safe environment for young people.

8. General business – nil

Meeting closed: 3.20pm.

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2013**

Recommendation:

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

17.1 SALES**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
03/09/13	Private Weigh	140	560.00			140	560.00
11/09/13	Store Sale			1316	6853.00	1316	6853.00
13/09/13	Fat Sale	785	5030.00	2	8.00	791	5038.00
23/09/13	Private Weigh	86	344.00			86	344.00
27/09/13	Fat Sale	1155	7392.00	46	230.00	1201	7622.00

TOTALS:

Scale	1940 head	\$12,422.00	
VA	1364 head	\$ 7,091.00	
Private Weigh	226 head	\$ 904.00	
NLIS Tag Income		\$ 293.70	\$20,710.70

17.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES

N/A

17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

Period to 30 September 2013	Income	\$56,769.25
	Expenditure	<u>\$50,169.70</u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 599.55

Recommendation:

That Council note the information

AMANDA GLASSON

Manager - Saleyards & Facilities

30 September 2013

18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2013

NIL

19. GENERAL BUSINESS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 OCTOBER 2013