

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE QUAMBONE MEMORIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup>  
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**PRESENT:** Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Michael Webb, Dan Keady and Don Schieb.

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

**1.0 OPENING PRAYER**

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Kathy Smith was present to address Council on behalf of the Quambone Women's Group.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**0727 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that apologies for non-attendance be accepted from Crs. Cullen and Burnheim.

**Quambone Women's Group**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mrs Smith to the meeting. She spoke about the Quambone Hall and the need for maintenance to the building as it is to be the venue for various activities being organised by the Group in Quambone.

Mrs Smith referred to the need to have an area of the hall specifically for children who come whilst mothers do craft and suggested the southern section of the building. She said the Group is hoping Council may be able to seal floors, line the building and provide air-conditioning. Mrs Smith referred to interest by locals in the Group and is pleased with numbers attending various activities. She said Ms Trish Henry has been appointed Secretary of the Group and it is working together with other organisations in the community. She also referred to the car boot sale organised for 19 October which is being conducted at the Hall.

There was mention of the facility at Carinda which is a good example of what the Women's Group is hoping to achieve. Cr Webb asked whether the Group would be prepared to consider another venue in Quambone and referred to the Rural Fire Service shed, which is air-conditioned, has a refrigerator and would be an appropriate meeting place. Cr Webb also said that the Rural Fire Service has a grant to have the building insulated. Mrs Smith said she could not comment, because she has not seen the facility.

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Another issue brought forward by Mrs Smith is the need for a unisex toilet in the Park due to the regular use of the play area by families and she presented a petition to Council supporting the building of a toilet. Cr Webb said he is not in favour of another public toilet in Quambone, pointing out facilities are available at the hall, the pool and tennis courts.

Finally, Mrs Smith referred to a safety issue with trucks not slowing down to the required 50kmp when travelling past the shop and park. She acknowledged that the appropriate signs are in place, however some drivers do not comply with speed restrictions. The Director of Engineering Services informed Mrs Smith that this issue was discussed with the Roads & Maritime Services and currently Council is doing a traffic count, the result of which will be taken to RMS. The Director said he would discuss with RMS what other options are available to assist in speed control.

Mrs Smith thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.27 a.m.

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor, Cr Karanouh

Item 10.18 – Supplementary Correspondence  
Owner of the restaurant

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

**0728 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 September 2013 be confirmed.

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

**(b) ORDINARY MEETING**

**0729 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 September 2013 be confirmed.

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**(a) Macquarie Marshes Education Centre Funding**

In response to a question from Cr Keady, the General Manager said that, to date, Council has not been advised of the result of its application for funding for this project.

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**(b) Dilapidated Dwelling – Tooloon Street**

Cr Schieb referred to this matter, which he brought forward at a previous meeting and asked whether Councillors have thought about purchasing the premises to provide additional parking and caravan parking in the current parking area behind the main street shops.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Schieb that Council investigate the purchase of premises in Tooloon Street to provide additional parking and a manoeuvring area for caravans, *lapsed for the want of a seconder*.

**(c) User Meeting – Discuss Indoor Arena**

Cr Keady suggested that a meeting of all showground user groups be convened so that different options can be discussed in regard to the facility. The General Manager said that it may be more advantageous to wait until the result of Council's funding application to Murray Darling Basin Authority was known.

**(d) Destination Management Plan**

Cr Keady said he was unable to attend the recent meeting and the Director of Corporate and Urban Services gave a brief overview. The Director said all the meeting provided was the format for relationships with other tourism organisations.

**(e) Moorambilla Festival**

The General Manager said Council would have to negotiate another agreement if the Festival is to continue, as the existing agreement expired this year. The Director of Community Services said general feedback was both organisations were happy with shared use of the showground.

**(f) Water Treatment Plant**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the Director of Engineering Services advised that Public Works inspectors have inspected the facility and identified major issues, which have to be rectified by the contractors. Mr Brodbeck said the roof had to be removed and the leak in the tank repaired. He said he was hopeful that the additional works would be completed within six weeks.

**(g) Quotes for PA System – Council Chamber**

The Director of Corporate & Urban Services informed Council that he obtained two quotes, as directed at last meeting, for a PA system for the Council Chamber. He said the two amounts received were \$6,500 and \$16,800. Councillors noted the cheaper amount would provide seven units, one microphone to two councillors, however additional microphones are only \$137/ea

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Mr Quarmby said this quote was from a firm in Dubbo who would supply and install the units.

**0730 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that Council accept the quote from the Dubbo Company of \$6,500 to supply and install a PA system in the Council Chamber and that the amount be provided from the maintenance vote and that additional microphones be purchased to provide one for each station. *Carried 4 votes/1 vote*

**(h) Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station**

Cr Schieb asked whether Council has received further information from the RMS regarding the HVIS at Coonamble. The General Manager said he has been in contact with RMS and was advised it is looking at future requirements and will determine whether there is a need for additional inspection stations. It was noted that Mr Ralston is still in discussions with the RMS, but no commitment has been made.

**(i) Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council – Boxthorn Problem**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said he has had discussions with both Mr Ian Kelly and Mr Don Ramsland concerning this problem and was advised the County Council is doing as much as it possibly can with the funding available, pointing out that the money can be used for eradication or enforcement through the Court system. Mr Warren also informed Council that, as instructed at the last meeting, a letter was forwarded to the County Council outlining this Council's dissatisfaction with its performance. The General Manager said the best way forward is for Council's delegates to take the message to meetings of the CMCC.

It was noted that the CMCC sprays roadside verges and its inspector is responsible for private land and issuing notices on landowners who have boxthorn growing on their properties.

**(j) CCTV**

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services informed Council that a maintenance run of all cameras would be carried out and any issues addressed.

**(k) West Coonamble Camping Site**

In response to a question from Cr Keady the General Manager said that no action has been taken into the legalities of providing a short-term camping site for caravans in West Coonamble.

**QUAMBONE BUSINESS & TOURISM SERVICES (QBATS)**

At this juncture, the Mayor invited a representative of QBATS to address the meeting. Item No 10.28 in Supplementary Precis of Correspondence referred to the issues to be discussed.

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Council was presented with a petition requesting speed humps to control speeding traffic in the street past the general store and the Quambone park. It was pointed out that there is a real safety issue in that children cross the street from the park to the shop and traffic should travel at a safe speed. The other issue raised was for a fence to be erected in front of the Park to prevent vehicles parking on the area.

The Director of Engineering Services said he would be discussing the issue of speed humps with the Roads & Maritime Services. The Mayor said the matter of fencing in front of the park would be discussed later in the day.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0731 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**Business Arising From Resolution Book:**

**(a) Item 12.3 – Showground – Min No 0207**

The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that signs have been purchased and he would check whether the signs have been erected.

**(b) Lagoon – Sewer Treatment Works – Min No 0309**

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the EPA is keen for this work to proceed, however no action will be taken until Council knows whether the Federal Government will provide funding.

**(c) Coonamble Landfill Site – Min No 0398**

Council was advised that no response has yet been received to its letter regarding this matter. Cr Karanouh suggested that this matter be pursued by staff.

**9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor gave a brief overview of his activities since the last meeting, which included the following:

- Attended the Two eight two eight AGM with the General Manager
- Moorambilla was a busy time attending various events – complaints received about lack of toilet facilities – the RTC was closed.
- Attended the inaugural Conference of Local Government NSW – from 1 to 3 October.
- Participated in Tour de OROC which visited Coonamble on 8 October. \$4,200 was raised for the accommodation units at Dubbo Hospital. Council's contribution was \$2,500 – Cr Karanouh said he contacted Councillors prior to donating this amount and requested a resolution authorising the donation.

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**0732 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that Council confirm the donation of \$2,500 towards the construction of accommodation for Orana Region residents at Dubbo Base Hospital, noting the cheque was presented by the Mayor to the Tour de OROC organisers.

**0733 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Keady that the Mayor's Activity report be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0734 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

**Section A – For Council's Consideration:**

**10.1 VERN SMITH R4-6+PR1192(41509)**

**0735 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council not accede to Mr Smith's request for a refund of the amount of \$1,234.43 paid by him on overdue rates.

Cr. Schieb requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

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

The General Manager advised that should Council wish to change this admission charge, it will need to advertise for 28 days and consider submissions. Mr Warren said that, alternatively, Council can subsidise any shortfall from its Donations Vote. The General Manager also drew Council's attention to the fact that the \$74 season ticket is already a reduced rate.

**0736 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information be noted.

**10.3 TRANSPORT FOR NSW I6(41378)**

Council noted that the General Manager and the Director of Engineering Services met with representatives from Transport for NSW on 18 September to discuss the future of grain management during harvest season.

**0737 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council agree to the 200kg increase on tri-axle groups, as outlined in the request from Transport for NSW.

**10.4 COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE D7(41577)**

Requesting a donation of \$12,000 to insulate and air condition the former Boy Scouts' Hall which is now used by various groups for community art events.

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**0738 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Keady that Council request Coonamble Arts Alive to provide two additional quotes for the work proposed for the former Boy Scouts Hall, prior to Council giving consideration to its request for financial assistance.

**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. A copy of the letter was included with each Councillor's business paper.

**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.

**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. 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.

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**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*.

**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. 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 who replaces former regional manager, Matt Patterson.

**10.15 STATE LIBRARY OF NSW L4(41554)**

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.

Councillors noted that for the last financial year, Council's cost to run the library service was \$253,000.

**10.16 TRANSPORT FOR NSW I6 (41564)**

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.

**10.17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW B11(41575)**

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 Bill, which are a success for local government.

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**0739 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in Item Nos 10.5 to 10.17 be noted.

At this juncture, the Mayor vacated the Chair and left the room after having declared an interest in the following matter. Deputy Mayor Keady took the Chair.

**10.18 COONAMBLE LOCAL LIQUOR ACCORD A19(41513)**

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. 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.

The General Manager explained that this matter relates to the continuation of a prior approval which was given to the restaurant. It was noted that if the owner of the restaurant wishes to serve alcohol with meals on the footpath area, that specific portion would need to be delineated.

**0740 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information be noted.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0741 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following matter be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

**10.19 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D5-28(41592)**

**0742 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council advise the Chamber of Commerce if it provides sufficient copies of the information, it may be included in the next instalment postings if sufficient room is available in the envelope.

**10.20 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1(41638)**

With regard to the Club’s request to erect two signs, the General Manager pointed out that, as both signs will be visible only from within the complex, it is not necessary for a development application to be submitted and approved.

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**0743 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council:

(a) agree to the gate takings of the annual carnival on 23 November 2013 being given to the Swimming Club in accordance with past practice;

(b) request a colour draft of the proposed sign Coonamble Swimming Club, prior to giving approval to erect it on the club house building;

(c) consult with the broader community regarding the proposed naming of the club house and, in the interim, request a colour draft of the proposed sign prior to granting approval.

**10.21 B M SALMON LAYTON & CO – SOLICITORS PR3029(41616)**

In regard to this matter, the General Manager informed the meeting that Council has, in the past, been approached by landholders to take ownership of land they no longer want. He said Council may accept land in payment of overdue rates however, to do so, will set a precedent where Council will be expected to make good on poor investment choices made by land speculators.

**0744 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council not accept the devise of land from the late Margaret Emily Hayes, being Lot 7 in DP758861, Tucka Tucka Street, Quambone, noting that the Estate is responsible for payment of overdue rates.

**10.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW E2(41593)**

Enclosing partial refund of unspent funds from this Council's first instalment payment for the Local Government referendum campaign. Pointing out the refund is provided after cancellation of the referendum due to the election being called for 7 September 2013, a week earlier than originally scheduled.

**0745 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council note the information.

**10.23 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D5+D7+C8(41598)**

Referring to Council's decision to subsidise the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre rental of \$400/month. Advising that the RTC has suitable accommodation available "at a very affordable weekly rent" which, on two occasions, has been offered to the Neighbourhood Centre and declined.

**0746 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information be noted.

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It was suggested that this matter be investigated, noting Council now understands that the current rental arrangements at the Aboriginal Medical Service building have not changed and the accommodation is available for continued occupation by the Neighbourhood Centre.

**10.24 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE B7(41615)**

Regarding the condition of pavers in the main street and, after many comments from community members, it is proposing that Council include a budget for a street sweeper/cleaner in the next management plan.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that cleaners are too heavy for the pavers and strip sealant off. Mr Brodbeck said the better option is a regular re-clean/re-seal program similar to what was done two years ago.

**0747 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce be advised that both sides of the main street are washed weekly, and further that a cleaner has been considered in the past but was found to be unsuitable.

**10.25 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB L3 (41631)**

Thanking Council for its contribution to the Gulargambone Race meeting which was held on Saturday 28 September. Saying it was a very successful day with a record crowd of around 730 in attendance.

**0748 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the information be noted.

**10.26 INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL 05+L10-2(41626)**

Forwarding speech notes of Graham Sansom's presentation at the LGNSW Inaugural Conference in Sydney on 2 October. A copy of the report was provided.

**0479 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the information be noted.

**10.27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(41628)**

Providing a copy of its Operating Report for the period ending 30 June 2013. A copy of the report was provided.

**0480 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council note the information.

**10.28 QUAMBONE BUSINESS AND TOURISM SERVICES**

Council noted that a representative of QBATS addressed the meeting earlier in the day, requesting consideration of speed humps to control speeding trucks and a fence in front of Quambone Park.

**0481 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the requests be noted.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0482 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**0483 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note Complying Development Certificate Application No 023/2013 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

Mr John & Mrs Helen Rackham and Mr Dennis Fitzgerald were present at the meeting as observers.

**11.2 THARA ROAD**

**0484 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker :

(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 13<sup>th</sup> 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;

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(5) That Council allow this encroachment, subject to the landowner indemnifying Council and having Council noted on a public liability insurance policy.

Cr Keady requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

At this juncture, Mr & Mrs Rackham and Mr Fitzgerald left the meeting.

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

**0485 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that consideration of this matter be deferred until next meeting, noting that if Council decides to nominate a project for funding under the LIRS Round Three funding it will have to budget repayments for the 2014/2015 financial year onwards.

At this juncture, 10.45 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.10 a.m.

**11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**0486 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that Council note the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report.

**11.5 WILD RHINO CAMPAIGN**

**0487 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council not contribute towards the purchase of a life-sized rhino for the Orana Region, noting that Coonamble is not on the proposed route for display of the rhinos.

**11.6 DRIVER LICENSING PROGRAMS IN COONAMBLE SHIRE**

**0488 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council:

- (a) 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) support driver licensing and mentoring programs within the Coonamble Shire.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**0489 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

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**12.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING**

The General Manager reminded Council of the importance of Integrated Planning and Reporting by the State Government and said this report by the Director of Community Services provides an overview of Council's first year of operation under the new planning and reporting framework.

**0490 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress report.

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

**0491 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**

**0492 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 September 2013, be noted.

In response to a question, the General Manager informed the meeting that land with a dwelling situated thereon can be sold for overdue rates after five years and vacant land after 12 months unpaid rates.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0493 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the list of investments as 30 September 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 EXTENSION OF POOL OPENING HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**0494 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to extend pool opening hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights until 9.00 p.m. during school holidays, noting that the wages allocation will be increased and costs recouped from savings throughout the year.

Cr Keady requested that during the extended pool hours the number of attendees be recorded by staff.

**13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0495 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the works in progress report be noted.

The following items were mentioned:

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- Play area at Pool – the Director advised plumbing has been completed and it is hoped the work will be completed within the next week.
- CCTV Camera footage – footage requested has been provided to Police.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0496 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 URBAN STREETS UPGRADE**

**0497 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker 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 St to Dubbo St	\$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.

The Director of Engineering Services advised that he is currently negotiating to get water for road works which will slow down during the current dry conditions. Councillors discussed whether the heavy vehicle route from Dubbo Street should be via Warrena Street or King Street to the highway – it was agreed that Warrena Street is the option drivers take at present.

Mr Brodbeck referred to other works which require attention and said that before work is commenced in Nash Street drainage should be improved.

The Director agreed to discuss with the Roads & Maritime Services the issue of heavy loads and road trains on town streets and whether appropriate signage is available to advise truck operators that the parking of heavy vehicles in urban streets should be in accordance with the motor traffic laws. He will also investigate funding for the provision of a traffic island at the intersection of Mundooren/Dubbo/Aberford Streets. Mr Brodbeck agreed to inspect the causeway in front of the TAFE building in Dubbo Street at its intersection with Warrena Street.

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**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0498 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0499 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2013**

**0500 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the report by the Ranger for the month of September 2013 be noted.

**16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**0501 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the reports by various committees be received and noted:

**16.1 Coonamble Shire Youth Council**

**0502 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the minutes of the meeting of Coonamble Shire Youth Council held on 31 July 2013 be noted.

**17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**0503 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of September 2013 be adopted.

**0504 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that Council note the error in the Saleyards account to 30 September 2013:

Income should read \$50,769.25, expenditure \$50,169.70, leaving \$599.55 credit.

**18.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0505 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady 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”.*

**0506 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0507 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**0508 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 and 18.2 as detailed below:

**18.1 EXTERNAL AUDIT TENDER SERVICES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council appoint Hill Rogers Spencer Steer as Council's Auditor for a six year term from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2019.

**18.2 REQUEST FOR BUSINESS ASSISTANCE – JAMIE GREENING - HAIRDRESSER IN GULARGAMBONE**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council provide a one-off contribution of \$1,250 from the Development Fund towards the cost of rental bond, insurance and a small amount of working capital to establish a hairdressing salon in Gulargambone.

**19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE** Nil

**20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Keady:**

- Combara Hall – needs urgent repairs – particularly roof and floorboards. Community hoping to get toilets at hall – can Council consider? Question was raised about toilets at the RFS building.
- Junior cricket season is starting – can attention be given to the grounds – Director of Corporate & Urban Services to follow up.
- Requested a Tourism Committee meeting be convened shortly.

**Director of Corporate & Urban Services:**

- Quotes for Seats – Main Street

**0509 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council purchase two bolt down park settings for placement each side of the main street, at a cost of \$985.00 each.

**Cr Karanouh:**

- Truck Parking Area – Baradine/Pilliga Turnoff

**0510 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that the Director of Engineering Services make representations to the Roads and Maritime Services to have a truck parking area established at the Baradine/Pilliga turnoff.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

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**MAYOR**