

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, John Walker, Dan Keady, Bill Burnheim, tom Cullen and Don Schieb.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, Mrs Atkins, Engineer – Special Projects and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No member of the public was present for public question time.

4.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Nil

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Two declarations of interest were noted:

- i) Cr Keady Item No. 12.3 Coonamble Show 2014
Member of Committee
- ii) Kaylene Atkins Item 10.8 Precis of Correspondence
Vice President of Arts Alive

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

0511 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 09 October 2013 be confirmed.

Business arising from Minutes:

(a) Quambone Women's Group

The meeting noted that the School may be available for use by this Group and would be a suitable venue.

(b) Fencing of Quambone Park

Council understood that the front of the park was the area to be fenced, however it has now been ascertained that the residents require the whole park area to be fenced and the General Manager said quotes are being

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obtained. Cr Keady suggested that a report be brought back, with costings to fence the whole area of the park.

0512 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council not fence the whole park area, but have the front adjacent to Tucka Tucka Street fenced as initially agreed, using bollards and chain.

(c) Moorambilla

Councillors noted that a report from Moorambilla has been received and the issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

(d) Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station

The General Manager said there has been no movement regarding this issue. He said RMS will not give any indication of its intentions, only advising that a review is being carried out of the whole regime. Mr Warren said he has also spoken with Kevin Humphries who has also requested information from the RMS. The Mayor and General Manager agreed to raise the matter with the Minister for Roads & Ports on 5 December 2013.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0513 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising From Resolution Book:

(a) Quarry Development – Min No 9388

The General Manager reported that the Licence Agreement in connection with the additional land has been received from the Minister for execution by Council.

(b) Excavation of Holding Lagoon – STW – Min No 0309

Cr Burnheim suggested this item be removed from the Resolution Book as funding under Round 5 of the Regional Development Australia Fund will not be approved – this Government has declined to honour the former Government's funding commitments.

(c) CCTV Warrena Street

In response to a question, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that a proposal to include Warrena Street in the upgrade of the CCTV system would cost an additional \$70,000. The Mayor referred to the system Wellington Council has installed, which cost \$400,000 and suggested that Council should look at a whole new set-up noting that its current CCTV camera system is 10 years old. The General Manager said

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that Council has received comment from police that its system is not 'up to speed' because of the poor quality of some images.

9.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report of his activities during the month, which included the following:

- Visited Campbelltown with General Manager to be part of the celebrations of the Fisher's Ghost Festival and the Art Exhibition. Suggesting the 'sister city' relationship is a great idea, particularly for staff development. Representatives from Campbelltown have again be invited to visit Coonamble for the Rodeo in June. The General Manager said Campbelltown City Council has access to Ministers, members of Parliament and Commissioners and has invited Council to take advantage of that access. Councillors agreed it is a very good relationship between the two Councils. Coonamble Council presented a Neville Owens shearing shed picture on canvas and Campbelltown reciprocated with a painting – which will be displayed in the Visitor Information Centre.
- Attended meeting in Dubbo on the Community Road Map – progressing well – a copy of the September 2013 version was included with each Councillor's business paper. Committees from each Council have been formed – Council's Economic Development Manager and Tourism Development Manager have undertaken to be involved in the accommodation audit.
- Prime TV visited Coonamble – conducted an interview with Neville Owens on his photographic memorabilia – which has been to air and was very good. Also visited Ken Waterford's property and discussed drought conditions being experienced. The General Manager said Council has written to both its Local Member and the Minister for Agriculture regarding the discontinuation of Exceptional Circumstance assistance. The Mayor suggested we should pursue the matter of Coonamble not being included in recently announced areas to receive assistance.
- Attended the OROC meeting in Wellington with the General Manager.
- Attended Showground Users meeting on 12 November – advised Council cannot undertake big projects, but will look into availability of funds to improve the sheep yards, provide additional lighting and improve toilet facilities. Indicated that the users would be happy to have a roof over the rodeo area. Noted that \$328,000 is available for expenditure. It was agreed that the General Manager provide a report to Council's December meeting to include costing of the three projects mentioned above.
- Reminded Councillors that a meeting has been secured with Hon Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads and Ports on 5 December.

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0514 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the Mayor's Activity report be adopted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0515 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(41708)

0516 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council agree to donate \$100 to the Coonamble Clay Target Club towards its 2014 Golden Grain Shoot on 12 & 13 April and funds be sourced from the Donations Vote.

10.2 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL D7(41719)

Advising the annual Presentation Night will be held on 10 December and asking whether Council would be happy to continue its sponsorship.

10.3 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(41717)

Referring to its annual Presentation Day and asking Council to consider a contribution towards prizes.

0517 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that, in keeping with past practice, Council agree to donate \$100 to each of the five schools in the Shire towards their Presentation Night Awards.

10.4 PAUL LEFEBVRE S13-1

Proposing the name Tommy Durham as appropriate for the naming of the Club House at the Coonamble Swimming Complex.

0518 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council thank Mr Lefebvre for his suggestion and advise that it has agreed to the Swimming Club's request.

10.5 DAVID MORISON S13-1(41760)

Proposing the Swimming Club House be named in recognition of the contribution made by Robert 'Whiskey' Andriske.

10.6 TARA HAZLETT S13-1(41813)

Proposing the name Whiskey Andriske for the Club House at the Coonamble Pool.

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0519 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council agree with the design of the two signs to be placed on the building at the Coonamble Swimming Complex and also to the Club House being named The Whiskey Andriske Club House.

10.7 ST VINCENT de PAUL GREENE VILLA RESIDENCE S13(41823)

0520 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Burnheim that Council provide a Season Ticket to the eight permanent residents of Greene Villa and their carers for admission to the Coonamble Pool for the 2013/2014 swimming season.

At this juncture, Mrs Atkins left the meeting while this matter was being discussed.

10.8 COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE D7(41577)

0521 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council agree to a \$3,000 contribution from the Donation Vote to assist with insulation and air conditioning of the former Boy Scouts' Hall, which Coonamble Arts Alive now rent.

10.9 QUAMBONE WOMEN'S GROUP D7+S13-3(41921)

0522 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council agree to the request by Quambone Women's Group to use the Quambone Pool as the venue for its Australia Day celebrations and contribute \$200 from the Australia Day vote to help defray costs with catering.

10.10 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE R8-10+S10-2(41919)

0523 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council agree to the request from Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee to close Castlereagh Street, from the Peace Tree to Aberford Street, from 5.30 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. on Thursday, 19 December 2013 for the annual Christmas Party, subject to Police approval.

10.11 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE S10-2(41918)

0524 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council agree to provide the 12 sandbags to secure the jumping castle and the usual barricades be provided and placed where required, in accordance with past practice.

10.12 LEONARD'S STORE S10-2(41906)

0525 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council advise Mr Leonard staff will assist with barricades to close the section of Castlereagh Street, as requested on the morning of 10 May 2014,

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however Council; is unable to assist with seating as it does not have appropriate seating available.

10.13 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL D7(41922)

0526 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council contribute \$1,500 from the Development Fund to assist towards expenses in hosting the High School's Bovine Appreciation Club Dinner on Friday 22 November 2013.

10.14 JF & HA RACKHAM SR109

0527 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council defer consideration of this matter until later in the day when dealing with the Notice of Motion in the General Manager's report.

10.15 INDOOR EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY D7(41915)

0528 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to contribute \$350 towards the Indoor Employees' Break-up Party.

**10.16 O'BRIEN & SONS TRANSPORT, GULARGAMBONE
PR2786+T5(41710)**

0529 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that Council advise Mr O'Brien it is unable to accede to his request to park heavy vehicles in Yoolundry Street for the duration of the 2013 harvest period, as approval would contravene NSW Road Rules.

Section B: Matters for Council's Information:

**10.17 JOHN MACARTHUR-STANHAM - LOCAL LAND SERVICES
CHAIRMAN E5-3(41659)**

Writing as the inaugural Chair of the Local Land Services (LLS) Board of Chairs. Providing a listing of the 11 Regional Chairs which are now in place. Saying board members will be announced in the coming weeks and the process of recruiting General Managers is in hand, with applications closing 20 October 2013.

10.18 NSW PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE E5(41697)

Referring to the recent announcement by the NSW Government on the implementation of initiatives under the Strategic Regional Land Use Policy and the brochure *Getting the balance right: NSW land use*. Stating once the mapping is finalized, the Gateway process will be applied to new State significant mining and coal seam gas projects proposed on this land. Saying further information is available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au

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10.19 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBBO

M3+O5(41718)

Thanking Council and the Mayor for supporting the Toyota Tour de OROC fundraising bike ride and saying the end result may be around \$140,000.

10.20 HILL ROGERS SPENCER STEER

TD13-6(41742)

Thanking Council for its letter advising their audit tender was successful. Accepting reappointment and asking that their acceptance and appreciation be conveyed to Council.

10.21 THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP

B11(41754)

Regarding important changes that have been made to the Planning Bill 2013 which the NSW Government will introduce into Parliament over the coming weeks. Advising local government will be invited to participate as partners in the various implementation working groups.

**10.22 WARREN TRUSS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Copy of speech to the National Conference concerning Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA). A copy of the speech was included with each Councillor's business paper.

10.23 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

M5-1(41820)

Forwarding copy of annual company report for year ended 30 June 2013. Saying a copy of the report is available at www.nswrdn.com.au under News & Publications/RDN Publications/Corporate Reports & Plans.

10.24 NSW OFFICE OF WATER

F5-4(41835)

Advising Council's application under Part VIII of the Water Act 1912 for the Coonamble Town Levee Upgrade has been granted, noting it is effective for a period of five years commencing from 24 October 2013. Drawing attention to the conditions attached to the Approval.

10.25 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT

D5-14-2

Forwarding copy of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21 October 2013, together with its Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2013, which was included with the business paper.

10.26 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

L10(41881)

Reporting on the issue of constitutional recognition and advising the Government has agreed to allow the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to use the federal funding provided for the referendum campaign to reimburse local government for the costs incurred prior to the referendum being cancelled. Thanking all councils who contributed to the referendum campaign, in terms of money, time and effort

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10.27 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATED INC W1(41928)

Thanking Council for its continued membership and attaching a copy of the 2012/2013 Annual Report. Advising the outgoing National President, Ken Rogers, welcomes Cr Greg Toll as its new National President and hopes that the plans set down for the MDA in 2013/2014 are productive and beneficial to the future prosperity of all basin communities.

10.28 INLAND NSW TOURISM T3-12(41927)

Formally inviting representation from Council to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting and celebrate a second successful year of operation. Saying the AGM will be held at 11.30 a.m. at The Royal Automotive Club of Australia, 89 Macquarie Street. Attaching notification of the meeting and a nomination form for members to nominate for election as a Director of Inland NSW

10.29 COONAMBLE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL A2(41753)

Advising it is holding a ball to recognize the hard work and efforts of the local Indigenous people. Inviting management staff to acknowledge a fellow colleague or community member by nominating them for an award. Sending a package of nomination forms to nominate positive role models in various categories.

10.30 PETER DELANEY, ARMATREE R4-3(41816)

Asking Council to please consider taking one of the following courses of action, on compassionate grounds with regard to his circumstances regarding overdue rates on blocks he cannot afford.

1. in accordance with s713(2)(b) Local Government Act 1993, sell the relevant blocks of land; or
2. in accordance with s570 of the same Act, accept transfer of the relevant blocks of land in full satisfaction of the rates, charges and accrued interest.

The General Manager reported that staff has had numerous discussions with Mr Delaney, each time advising him that Council did not accept land in payment of outstanding debt, but that the properties would be included in the next sale of land for overdue rates.

0530 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.17 to 10.30 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

0531 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following matters be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

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10.31 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP P10-5(41947)

0532 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council contact its Local Member requesting that he make representations to appropriate Upper House members on its behalf to support the *Crown Lands Amendment (Multiple Land Use) Bill 2013*.

**10.32 COONAMBLE SHIRE EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE
S6**

0533 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council agree to contribute \$500 towards the Outdoor Employees' Christmas break-up function and agree to a half day holiday from 12 noon on Friday 20 December 2013 for staff to attend the function at the Coonamble RSL Club.

10.33 GULARGAMBONE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-2(41958)

0534 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council not agree to waive the pool hire fee of \$331 charged for use of the pool for the annual carnival, noting that the Club collected gate takings and that Coonamble is charged a fee for hire of the Coonamble pool for its annual carnival.

10.34 MARK COULTON MP A6+D9+F5(41973)

0535 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that the General Manager contact the Councils of Brewarrina, Bourke, Walgett and Nyngan and apply as a group, including Coonamble, to the State Government to have Exceptional Circumstance interest rate subsidy payments made available if not to the whole LGA areas, as least the northern part of this Shire.

10.35 TRADE & INVESTMENT – CROWN LANDS Q1(41967)

0536 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note receipt of the final Licence Agreement in connection with the Crown Land Licence for Mt Magometon Quarry extension and authorise the affixing of the Seal to the documents.

10.36 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1(41988)

0537 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to the Swimming Club's request to use the pool for formal ceremonies to be held on Friday 22 November 2013 and for a barbeque for members and invited guests afterwards.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0538 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0539 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note Development Application No 021/2013 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, the General Manager explained that applications are submitted to Council if they are controversial, e.g. do not comply with the Building Code/Zoning, etc or if there have been legal objections lodged regarding the development.

11.2 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

0540 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the Comparative Information for NSW Local Councils, as provided by the Division of Local Government.

At this juncture, 10.20 a.m., Mr. Tim Horan arrived at the meeting.

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

Considerable discussion took place regarding this matter, with Councillors suggesting various projects for consideration of funding. The General Manager said Council is in a sound financial position, however he said it is necessary to work out how repayments for any borrowings can be funded. Councillors noted that to fund a \$3M debt repayments would be approximately \$350,000/year after the application of a 3% interest subsidy.

The General Manager said the Division of Local Government is looking at all councils' assets and more focus is to be placed on the infrastructure backlog. Cr Burnheim suggested upgrading of urban streets, kerb/guttering, rural roads as suitable projects. Cr Webb referred to Council's liability of funding for the levee upgrade – the Director of Corporate & Urban Services said this funding has been factored into the budget.

0541 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that the General Manager provide a report to the December meeting on the feasibility of borrowing \$4M for upgrading of urban streets, kerbing and guttering and rural roads, together with priorities.

At this juncture, the Mayor presented Mr Tim Horan with an Award from Local Government NSW for Service, noting that Tim was elected to Council in 2004 and served as Mayor from that period until 2012, when he did not seek re-election. Mr Horan thanked Council and joined Councillors and Staff at morning tea.

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The meeting adjourned at 10.40 a.m. for morning tea and resumed at 11.05 a.m.

PRINCIPAL – COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Mayor welcomed Ms Margaret Mulcahy, Principal of the Coonamble High School, to provide an update on various issues being addressed at the School.

She said usually the Education Department has a one year strategic plan, however Coonamble has developed a five year strategic plan. Ms Mulcahy said included in the strategic plan is a lot of input from the community, with united ideas. She said there is always concern with limited budget, however the School now has an idea of its annual funding allocation and some hard decisions will need to be made.

Ms Mulcahy referred to training undertaken by staff which has made significant improvement and she is extremely pleased with the Wellbeing Program which has only been operative for approximately six months.

The Principal said 27 students graduated from Year 12 this year and three of those have been offered University places. She said the challenge facing the school is that a lot of parents are not supportive – saying that Liaison Officers still work on trying to raise attendance. Ms Mulcahy said Luke Ballard – Clontarf Foundation – is doing a great job, however individual students have other areas of need.

Ms Mulcahy said what the school is doing is known as *Enterprise Education* – she said it needs to be promoted and supported and the bottom line is 'jobs guarantee' for students so they recognise the purpose of schooling. Cr Keady referred to the Mentoring Program and Cr Burnheim said he had had experience with the Outward Bound Program which was great, but after a few years there was no interest from students so it was dropped. Cr Webb referred to staffing issues, saying some members feel insecure, not knowing whether their positions will be available for ongoing employment.

The Principal said she acknowledges this concern, however four or five positions have recently been made permanent – she advised that all positions are advertised and that it takes approximately a month to finalise each position. When asked whether the Youth Club closure has made a difference to the school, Ms Mulcahy said it had because that is where students on detention were supervised, however some support has been forthcoming from other agencies.

The Mayor thanked Ms Mulcahy for providing Council with this update and she left the meeting at 11.30 a.m.

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11.4 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

0542 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council close the office on Tuesday 24 December 2013 and reopen on Thursday 2 January 2014 and that staff use annual leave provisions for the three days not covered by public holidays.

11.5 SHORT TERM CARAVAN PARK/CAMPING AREA

0543 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the information pertaining to caravan parking and/or camping on the land bounded by Limerick Street and Eurimie Creek backing onto the Castlereagh River.

11.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

0544 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the report by the Economic Development Manager be received and noted.

11.7 PROPOSAL FOR A COONAMBLE SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

0545 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim :

(a) that Council form a Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee to assist Councillors and staff set the strategic direction for the Economic Development function of Council and provide recommendations for specific actions to meet the objectives set out in the strategic planning documents;

(b) that the Committee be facilitated by Council staff as determined by the General Manager, meet quarterly (or as determined by the Chair) and consist of:

- three councillors (Mayor the Chair)
- three local industry/community representatives (selected for their knowledge/skills/experience);

(c) that all members be appointed by resolution of the Council, following an advertised call for Expressions of Interest;

(d) that Council adopt the draft Charter for Coonamble Economic Development Committee and the Committee operate according to that Charter.

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11.8 NOTICES OF MOTION

(1) Thara Road:

- 0546 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council instruct the General Manager to lodge the survey plan of the recently surveyed section of Thara Road with the Registrar General and take any other steps necessary to open the road. *Carried 4 votes/3 votes*

Councillors Keady and Burnheim requested that their names be recorded as voting against this resolution.

It was noted that Item No 10.14 – letter from JF & HA Rackham – was dealt with in conjunction with this resolution.

(2) Tooraweenah Road

- 0547 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that:
- (a) Council make application under the NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme for funding to undertake sealing of the Tooraweenah Road;
 - (b) a report be brought back to the December meeting of Council detailing the overall cost of sealing the road, the cost per kilometre of such works and the standard of the proposed construction. *Carried 4 votes/3 votes.*

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 0548 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION POLICY

- 0549 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council endorse the Community Consultation Policy presented at the meeting and place the document on public exhibition for the prescribed period, calling for submissions, prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

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

12.2 MURDI PAAKI YOUTH SERVICES

- 0550 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise (MPREC) has ceased its youth services in both Gulargambone and Coonamble due to lack of external funding.

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Councillor Keady declared an interest in the following matter and did not take part in discussion or voting.

12.3 COONAMBLE SHOW 2014

0551 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council agree to apply for gazettal of a local public holiday for the second day of the 2014 Coonamble Show, being Wednesday 28 May, following consultation with the community and local businesses and organisations.

12.4 MOORAMBILLA FESTIVAL

0552 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council write to Moorambilla Festival Inc requesting that its intentions for the Festival in 2014 be submitted to Council.

12.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

0553 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in the Community Services Progress report be noted.

(a) Burglar Beware

In response to a question, the Director of Community Services advised that all funds have been 'earmarked' for expenditure, however some equipment remains to be installed.

(b) Library Connections Project

0554 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that an issue relating to this item be raised in Closed Session.

(c) Tour de OROC

The Mayor advised that \$175,000 was raised by this bicycle ride and the funds will go towards accommodation to be built at the Dubbo Base Hospital for use by residents of the Orana region.

12.6 CODE OF CONDUCT REPORTING

0555 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council note the Conduct Reviewer, having investigated complaints, is satisfied the General Manager has not breached the Code of Conduct.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

0556 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0557 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 October 2013 be noted.

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13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0558 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 31 October 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 DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

0559 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council note the destruction of the subject records in compliance with the State Records Act 1998.

13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDIT REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013

0560 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the tabling of the presentation and tabling of its Auditors Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013.

13.5 FINAL RATE CERTIFICATE 2012/2013

0561 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note the Final Rate Certificate for the Year 2012/2013 and authorising the affixing of the Common Seal.

13.6 COONAMBLE POOL – SPLASHPAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

0562 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note the information and that the project will be completed prior to the Coonamble Swimming Club function on Friday 22 November, 2013.

13.7 GRANT APPLICATION – PARTICIPATION & FACILITY PROGRAM

0563 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council endorse the actions of Management in submitting application for a \$25,000 grant under the Facility Development stream of the Participation & Facility Program for improvements and upgrades to irrigation systems at Coonamble and Gulargambone Sportsground and Smith Park.

13.8 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0564 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0565 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

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14.1 COONAMBLE LANDFILL SITE

0566 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that:

1. Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lots 1 and 2 DP 1007782, formally part of TSR 24312, for the purpose of a landfill site in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
2. Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire lots 1 and 2 DP 1007782 formally part of TSR 24312 by compulsory process under section 186(1) of the Local Government Act.
3. Under section 31 of the Local Government Act, the land being acquired under the compulsory process will be classified as operational land and further pursuant to section 34 of the Local Government Council give public notice of its intention to classify the land as operational.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0567 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0568 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2013

0569 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Ranger for the month of October 2013 be noted.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30/09/2013

0570 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Quarterly Budget Review be undertaken.

Councillors perused the information presented by the Director of Corporate Services and the Director answered questions raised.

0571 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council:

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

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17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0571 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the reports by various committees be received and noted:

17.1 Coonamble Heritage and Museum Committee - AGM

0572 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the annual general meeting of Coonamble Heritage and Museum Committee held on 15 October 2013 be noted.

17.2 Coonamble Heritage and Museum Committee Meeting

0573 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the minutes of the meeting of Coonamble Heritage and Museum Committee held on 15 October 2013 be confirmed.

(a) Archives – Handrail

Council has been requested, via the above minutes, to change the handrail leading into the Archives to a broomstick style (i.e. round grip in lieu of the current flat shape).

17.3 Minutes of Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting

0574 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that the minutes of the Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2013, together with attachments, be noted.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

0675 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the report by the Manager of Saleyards & Facilities for month of October 2013 be dealt with.

18.1 SALES

0676 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information be noted.

18.2 WORKS COMPLETED

0677 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that works completed at the Saleyards be noted.

18.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT

0678 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council note the Income and Expenditure for the month of October 2013 and that there is currently a surplus of \$3,721.24 in the saleyards account.

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19.0 CLOSED SESSION

0679 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)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors; and

2(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business”

0680 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

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

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0681 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM CLOSED SESSION

0682 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. as detailed below:

19.1 COONAMBLE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS that Council:

(a) advise Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council it wishes to continue with both issues separately; and

(b) request a report investigating the use of the western end of “The Meglo” as a potential landfill site;

(c) contact Coonamble Aboriginal Medical Service, asking if it intends to proceed with the purchase of the Castlereagh Street block.

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Referred to lopping of street trees by Essential Energy – the General Manager said he has taken the issue up with Essential Energy, as well as Kevin Humphries – said Council may have to undertake additional lopping.
- Caravan Park needs general clean up and surrounds require watering.

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Cr Burnheim:

- Broome Park – Mrs Jackson waters area adjacent to her premises – asked staff to investigate and install additional connections so other residents can water portions of the area.

Cr Keady:

- Suggested Council hosting a Corporate Tent at the Rodeo – would be a good opportunity to promote the area – invite businesses that do business with Council. Saying it would be completely separate to the Rodeo Committee's marquee.

0609 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that Council investigate costs associated with hosting a corporate event at the rodeo, in the pavilion, including catering and other associated expenses.

- Child Care Centre, Wilga Street – Councillors noted the second child care facility is sustainable, it has 15 children booked currently and four local persons are employed.

Cr Walker:

- Bus Shelters for school children – the General Manager advised Council has made application for funding of \$26,000 through the Department of Transport for three bus shelters.

Cr Webb:

- Coonamble Primary School – referred to the school not being able to conduct the intensive learn to swim at the pool at 9 a.m. The Director said the school has been advised it can start at 1 p.m. each day in an effort to keep costs down. The Director advised that Gulargambone School has also been advised of the change.

0610 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the Schools be advised they can attend the pools for the intensive learn to swim sessions commencing 9.00 a.m. as previously and that additional costs be funded from the Development Fund up to a maximum of \$30,000, noting the intensive learn to swim sessions are conducted for a period of only two weeks.

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

- Murdi Paaki – referred to "The Meglo" block purchased from Council and noted no works appear to be in progress.

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Director of Community Services:

- Advised that the Community Services department is completing tasks within the Operational Plan to the set timeframe.
- Advised that out of 188 actions, Community Services is responsible for 50 and all are on track for completion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40. p.m.

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DECEMBER 2013 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the
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MAYOR