

5 March 2014

The next ORDINARY MEETING  
of  
COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

will be held on

WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH commencing 9.00 a.m.

at the

GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend an ORDINARY MEETING of  
COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL to be held in the MEMORIAL HALL,  
GULARGAMBONE on WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 commencing at 9 am.

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

9.30 a.m.

**MR MIKE SVIKIS**

To discuss with Council proposed changes to the  
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**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
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**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.03 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 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**

**(a) Coonamble Library Issue**

Messrs. Ted Fernando, Les Trindall and BJ Harris were present to discuss issues at Coonamble Library.

Mr Trindall thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to speak and handed over to Mr Fernando who said he thought the Aboriginal community was getting a “raw deal”. He was concerned that Council resolved to move the project from the library and cannot come to terms with the fact that Council was looking to relocate it elsewhere. Mr Fernando said he understood the project was funded by the State Library and if the guidelines were not adhered to, he imagined the funds would have to be returned. He reminded Council that grant money is hard to come by and in this time of drought, it would seem a backward step to return the funds.

Mr Fernando said conducting the project at the Library had twofold benefits in getting the kids into the library and in improving their education. He said comments have allegedly been made which border on racism which, he said, does exist in our local area. Mr Fernando said in his opinion it’s not a matter of black or white – everyone should be treated equally – this is the way to bring people together for the benefit of our town.

In response to Mr Fernando’s comments, the Mayor said he will not stand for racism – he pointed to the fact that both he and his wife are from other countries. Cr Karanouh assured the deputation the motion to investigate the location of the project had nothing to do with black or white.

Mr Trindall said he supported the comments made by Mr Fernando – he referred to rumours and asked what the Shire is going to do – suggested that it put out a media release that it does not agree with or support racism. The Mayor said Council cannot do much about rumours and reiterated that such comments are not coming from Council.

Cr Keady said he responded to concerns by residents – letters were sent to him and, as an elected representative, he raised the matter at Council. He said it was agreed that the program was a good one, however it was alleged that it caused disruption at the Library. Cr Keady said at no stage was it an “Aboriginal” issue from his, or the writers’, point of view. Each saw merit in the project and wanted it to continue.

Mr Fernando said Coonamble has a great library and it should be utilised to its full capacity.

**(b) Land in Castlereagh Street**

Mr Trindall asked the Mayor if he may speak on another issue and raised the matter of the vacant land in Castlereagh Street and Council’s offer of that land to the Aboriginal Health Service some years ago for the construction of a future medical facility. He then referred to a later decision of Council to withdraw that offer and sell the land to the AHS for market value. Mr Trindall confirmed that the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service is not in a position to purchase the land and the CEO has advised Council in writing accordingly.

Mr Harris referred to a letter forwarded to Council offering the land required for the waste depot, in exchange for the Castlereagh Street block, which was referred to ICAC. The Mayor said he instructed that this action be taken and the response from ICAC was that there was no issue to take the matter further.

Mr Trindall indicated that the rumours about the financial position of the CAMS were greatly exaggerated – he said it is like every business and the organisation endeavours to get every cent it can to keep improving facilities for the town.

Mr Harris asked whether it was correct that Crs Schieb, Walker and Webb were out of the room when Council voted on the Library issue at the December meeting. The Mayor said that was correct, as those Councillors had other commitments representing Council at schools/TAFE. The Mayor said there was a quorum present and the meeting proceeded as normal.

Mr. Fernando said he was disappointed that, for the “sake of a few dollars”, Council missed the opportunity of having an “elaborate new building in the main street”. Cr Walker said a decision was made to sell the block of land for market value and it was a majority decision by Council.

Mr Fernando said he thinks more dialogue is warranted between the Aboriginal organisations and Council. He said it is important that leaders take action in bringing both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities together and that Magistrates need to exercise their powers.

Cr Walker congratulated Mr Trindall and Mr Fernando on their efforts over many years and thanked them for addressing Council. The delegation left the meeting at 9.25 a.m.

**(c) Coonamble Liquor Accord**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Messrs. Stephen Hind and Rodney Vallet, together with Ms Tessa Cormie, members of the Coonamble Liquor Accord. The Mayor then vacated the Chair and left the room – Deputy Mayor Cr Dan Keady took the Chair and invited the members to address Council.

Mr Hind said the Liquor Accord has been working very hard and in conjunction with the Licensing Sergeant in an effort to curb alcohol-fuelled crime and was enquiring about the lifting of the Alcohol Free Zone in the main street. In particular he referred to the Global Village Restaurant, which has a licence to serve alcohol on the footpath in front of its premises.

The General Manager said the business applied for and was granted a licence for footpath trading, which was deemed in keeping with the requirements of the Racing and Gaming rules and regulations. Mr Warren pointed out that the area concerned is cordoned off and alcohol is served only with meals during business hours. He said the operation of the premises is in accordance with Council policy and the conditions of the licence.

Councillors asked whether members of the Liquor Accord had specific issues or instances they wished to discuss – Mr Vallet said the Accord is not against the licence, but is against drinks being served on the footpath area. The Deputy Mayor said Council does not see a problem. Cr Schieb said the licence applied to the premises when it was located on the other side of the main street for about eight years and, in fact, was a transfer of that licence.

Mr Hinds said that the Coonamble Liquor Accord meets every 2 – 3 months at the Bowling Club. He said the cost to become a member is \$50 and believes all licensees should be part of the Accord.

The deputation thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.40 a.m. and the Mayor resumed the Chair.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**  
Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Members of the Rotary Club of Coonamble may be present later in the day to address Council.

## 6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

**0671 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 December 2013 be confirmed.

### Business arising from Minutes:

#### (a) Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft

In response to a question from Cr Keady, the General Manager said he was waiting on advice regarding the new executive. Cr Keady informed the meeting that Mr Len Scott is the President and Mr Andrew Shearer Treasurer.

#### (b) Coonamble Local Environmental Plan

The General Manager informed Council that a consultant has been engaged to review and incorporate the changes that Council has decided. He said when a document is prepared to that stage, it will be presented to Council for a final determination prior to being forwarded to Department of Planning.

#### (c) Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee

Council was advised that the closing date for nominations to this Committee has been extended as, to date, only two candidates have nominated.

Cr Keady asked the General Manager if his answer to the library project was to move the librarian. The General Manager replied they were two separate issues and the librarian was moved in regard to staff/management issues and was dealt with in accordance with the Industrial award.

#### (d) NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme

Discussion took place regarding Council's decision to borrow \$3,000,000 for works on streets and roads. Cr Keady said he felt the funds should be used 50/50 on roads/streets. The General Manager said if the resolution was to be changed, Council must move to rescind Minute No 0646 and have three signatories on the Notice of Rescission..

### A MOTION

**PROPOSED** by Cr Burnheim **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council rescind Minute No. 0646 of 11 December 2014, which reads as follows:

*“Resolved on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that Council make application to borrow \$3,000,000 under the State Government initiative NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme and if successful, funds be used as follows:*

*\$2,000,000 – unsealed streets in Coonamble & Gulargambone  
\$1,000,000 – rural roads infrastructure”.*

In response to a question, the General Manager said the closing date for applications in connection with this Scheme was 31 December 2013 and the application was submitted prior to that date. He said proposed works were included in the application in accordance with guidelines. The Director of Engineering Services said that the works would be programmed by Council and could be extended over a two year period.

There were only two signatories to the Notice of Rescission therefore **Minute No 0646 of 11 December 2014 remains.**

### **ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE**

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Dennis Glover and Mr Keith Caine, President and President-elect respectively of the Rotary Club of Coonamble. Mr Glover said they wished to discuss with Council a toilet block at the rest area on the Walgett Road.

Mr Glover said the Club is investigating what type of system would be most suitable the area, saying a 'self-clean' type is priced around \$75,000. He said members wanted to gauge support of Council in assisting with cleaning of the facility when it is constructed. It was agreed that this area is the most frequently used stop, especially for trucks. The Director of Engineering Services said that comments should be sought from the RMS and Council will also request an indication of funding that may be available. Mr Brodbeck said that the RMS will pay for cleaning the facilities on the Highway under the Single Invitation Contract arrangement.

Council noted that, in conjunction with shoulder works on the Highway, the RMS has confirmed that it will establish a "pull off" area on the other side of the Highway near the Industrial Estate.

Messrs Glover and Caine thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 10.05 a.m.

**0672 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the above matters be noted.

### **8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**0673 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

### **Business Arising From Resolution Book:**

#### **(a) Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Event**

Cr Keady said that Council should meet with the Rodeo Association as a priority and agree on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the roles and responsibilities of Council and the organisation.

**(b) Community Safety Committee**

Cr Schieb asked whether a meeting has been arranged between the Magistrate and the Local Area Commander to discuss Court action taken against offenders. It is understood that there is a Police/Community meeting scheduled shortly and the General Manager agreed to check on dates.

**(c) Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council**

It was noted Council still has not received a response from the Local Aboriginal Land Council concerning the area of land required for extension of the Coonamble Waste Depot. Councillors noted that to relocate the depot to “the Meglo” is in the vicinity of \$325,000.

**0674 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the above matters be noted.

**9.0 MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor gave a brief report on his activities over the past month, which included the following:

- Met with Hon Barnaby Joyce regarding the drought – has been lobbying continuously trying to get emergency relief.
- Attended the OROC meeting and referred to the General Manager’s report later in the day.
- Attended the Australia Day Celebrations at the Showground.

**0675 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Mayor’s Activity report be adopted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0676 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 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT INC T3-8(42360)**

**0677 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that arrangements be made to meet with the Rodeo Association and the issue of sponsorship be discussed during that meeting.

**10.2 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP, MINISTER FOR TRADE & INVESTMENT C2-1(42245)**

**0678 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council accept the grant of \$36,167 and the loan of \$289,340 under the PRMFP towards the cost of demolition / construction of amenities at Coonamble Caravan Park and that authority be given to affix the Seal to relevant documents.

It was noted that when the design for the new amenities building at the Caravan Park has been drawn up it will be tabled for Council’s approval.

**10.3 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP, MINISTER FOR TRADE & INVESTMENT S5(42246)**

**0679 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council accept the grant of \$76,349 under the PRMFP for replacement of security fencing, restoration of the sheep pavilion and upgrade of power boxes at Coonamble Showground and authorise the affixing of the Seal to relevant documents.

**10.4 THE HON ANDREW STONER MP, MINISTER FOR TRADE & INVESTMENT C7(42247)**

**0680 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council accept the grant of \$49,842 under the PRMFP for design and construction of new steel yards at the Coonamble Common and authorise the affixing of the Seal to relevant documents.

**10.5 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK D7(42506)**

**0681 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council advise the NSW Rural Doctors Network that it will not be participating in the 2014 Busy Bursary / Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme.

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

**10.6 WATERFORD RYAN G6+S5+L11(42546)**

**0682 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council authorise the affixing of the Seal to the Lease of pt. Coonamble Showground to the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club Inc for an initial term of five years, with option to renew for a period of 2 x 5 years.

**10.7 PATTY WEBB G3+R4-5+T4(42569)**

Letter addressed to the Mayor on behalf of a group of landowners and residents in the Warrumbungle area to the west of the Warrumbungle National Park who have always used Warrumbungle as their postal/property address and wishing to retain the "Warrumbungle" identity.

**0683 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council advise the landholders that their request is not within Council's jurisdiction.

**10.8 COONAMBLE SINGERS D7(42590)**

**0684 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council agree to pay the cost of \$1,358 for the purchase of a new keyboard from Totally Music Pty Ltd for the Coonamble Singers on the condition that the unit remain the property of Council and further, that the funds be sourced from the Donations vote.

## **10.9 PROJECTS MANAGER – NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT – CROWN LANDS**

**0685 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Burnheim that the Mayor and the General Manager be authorised to negotiate a price, within the range of \$70,000 - \$90,000 for the purchase of the whole of Smith Park, being an area of 4.193 ha.

### **Section B – Matters for Council's Information**

#### **10.10 THE HON WARREN TRUSS MP G5(42274)**

Confirming the Coalition Government's decision to fund uncontracted projects from Rounds 2, 3 and 4 of the former Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

#### **10.11 PREMIER & CABINET G5-1-2+C8(42272)**

Advising that Council's application for the Gulargambone Skate Park funding has been unsuccessful under the NSW Government's 2013 Community Building Partnership Program (CBP).

#### **10.12 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL L4-1-1+L3(42271)**

Saying thank you to Fleur for visiting the service fortnightly and reading Aboriginal stories with the children, as well as singing Aboriginal songs. Advising the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the visits and hoping they continue in 2014.

#### **10.13 THE HON VICTOR DOMINELLO MP A9(42298)**

Informing Council of a new Centenary of Anzac website ([www.centenaryofanzac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.centenaryofanzac.nsw.gov.au)), including an events portal, to help NSW communities plan and commemorate the Centenary of World War I and ANZAC 2014 – 2018. Stating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War is a unique milestone in world history and one of great significance for many people. Encouraging councils to use the website.

#### **10.14 THE HON GEORGE SOURIS MP G5-49-1(42368)**

Advising funding of \$2,700 has been approved under the NSW Government's 2014 Country Arts Support Program (CASP) towards the Bush Poets Breakfast. Saying he is pleased to be able to provide funding to arts and community organisations in regional NSW to support short term, locally initiated projects.

#### **10.15 WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT M5(42358)**

Advising tenders for the provision of medical services for the towns of Bourke, Condobolin, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge are expected to go out in early February/March 2014. Saying the Health District will keep Council updated as the tender process progresses.

**10.16 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE G5-42-1(42356)**

Advising the Chamber welcomes Council's initiative to upgrade and diversify the accommodation options at Riverside Caravan Park as the current standard and range does not meet market demand and expectations. Stating the Chamber strongly supports the proposed Eco Spa Project and looks forward to having such an attraction.

**10.17 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE, NORTH WEST ZONE B13**

Providing a list of resources available to the North West Zone which includes the Shires of Coonamble, Walgett and Warren. Advising North West Zone has a mix of new and second hand tankers, however the category of each type is the same as the list provided. A copy was included with the business paper.

**10.18 MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL R2(42424)**

Media Release announcing that Moree Plains Shire Council has set the date for the Inland Rail Symposium, which will be attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon Warren Truss, for Friday 7 March 2014. Saying the Symposium will be one of the best opportunities stakeholders have to get in on the "ground floor" and clearly express their needs.

Council noted that Councillors Cullen and Schieb, together with the Economic Development Manager would attend the Symposium on 7 March 2014.

**10.19 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL (CMCC) N7(42422)**

Referring to Coonamble Shire Council's letter of 16 September 2013 concerning alleged lack of action by CMCC regarding extensive growth of boxthorn throughout the Coonamble Shire. Saying it is proposed that the revised reporting procedure will be in place from January 2014 and that, through a more open and transparent reporting and follow up procedure, the issues raised by Council will be adequately addressed.

Cr. Webb gave notice that he would be unable to attend the meeting of the CMCC at Warren due to a medical appointment.

**10.20 STATECOVER MUTUAL LIMITED I4-1(42447)**

Advising that as part of the annual WHS self-audit conducted by StateCover, a number of audits are randomly selected for verification to ensure adequate quality control. Stating the results of the verification for Council were generally consistent with the responses provided during the audit.

**10.21 COONAMBLE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC. C8-3(42439)**

Thanking Council for its generous offer to pay the electricity accounts for the Senior Citizens Hall in Namoi Street. Saying the Association was hoping for

some assistance, but Council's offer is overwhelming and will enable it to give members more activities and functions.

#### **10.22 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10+L10-1(42462)**

Advising that the final reports of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce have been released. Saying Councils have an opportunity to comment on the reports of the Panel and the Taskforce, with written submissions closing on Friday 7 March 2014.

The General Manager referred Councillors to the supplementary report which was prepared after the business paper was completed.

#### **10.23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(42465)**

Media Release – *LGNSW demands the NSW Government extend time for councils to respond to Review Panel Report.* Saying LGNSW slammed the NSW Government for imposing such a limiting consultation deadline for councils to respond to the Independent Local Government Review Panel's final report. Pointing out that LGNSW plans to canvass council views in early/mid-March and will be holding a series of forums in regional and rural locations as well as the Sydney metropolitan area.

#### **10.24 MAYOR, DUBBO CITY COUNCIL D5+T3(42441)**

Referring to brief discussion at the December 2013 meeting of OROC in regard to a proposal to market Dubbo as the Capital of Western NSW. Saying in discussions with Cr John Walkom, who is promoting the proposal, both Council's General Manager and himself consider it most important that any such proposal is considered by those Councils located in Western NSW. Saying that whilst the matter is in its early stages, he requests Council provide thoughts on the proposal so that discussions can be furthered or otherwise.

The General Manager advised that a letter has been sent to Cr Dickerson advising that Council, at its December 2013 meeting, resolved to support the proposal to recognise Dubbo as the *Capital of Western NSW*.

#### **10.25 COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW L10-2(42505)**

Press Release advising the Association welcomes the release of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce. Saying the Association would like to call for the Minister for Local Government to consider moving the deadline for submissions to late April or early May 2014 to allow councils enough time to review these reports thoroughly, engage with key stakeholders and provide a considered response back to the Government.

#### **10.26 GENERAL MANAGER, NSW LOCAL LAND SERVICES R11+R8-21(42487)**

Referring to Council's letter regarding de-silting of ground tanks and funds spent at a local level. Pointing out the Central West Local Land Services is committed to providing services to local landholders at a local level. Saying he has been informed that two ground tanks in the Coonamble district have been de-silted in recent months, the cost of which is approximately \$40,000

each and tanks are cleaned on a priority basis. Further advising the Central West Local Land Services is currently in the planning process for the future management of travelling stock route network and the cleaning of ground tanks will be included in the development of these plans.

**0686 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council forward a letter to the Chair of the Local Land Services asking for clarification of the cost of works done within the Coonamble District, saying it is understood that only one dam was cleaned out at a cost of \$40,000, request that work be done urgently to clean out other TSR tanks and advise Council may be able to assist the LLS by making its dozer available at sundry debtor rates.

**10.27 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES C6-13+R8-6(42539)**

Referring to correspondence concerning the Mundooren Street realignment and traffic island and offering funding on a 50/50 basis for the project based on the provision of detailed designs and costing relevant to the RMS component of the works.

**10.28 RDA ORANA D7(42558)**

Referring to Council's enquiry requesting further information on the Orana Driver Licence Program and advising the current financial commitments of the various stakeholders.

Advising that at present the local JSA involved will cover the additional costs (\$10,000) as a fee per client. Pointing out final commitments from the JSAs will, therefore, depend on the number of participants and which JSA they are serviced by. Saying that according to the indicative budget the total cost for 15 participants would be \$15,750.

Councillors noted that matter has not been finalised at this stage, as the JSAs have still not given a firm undertaking as to their commitment to the program.

**10.29 NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS H5(42604)**

Referring to Council's application seeking approval for the appointment of a local public holiday on Wednesday 28 May 2014 within the Coonamble Shire Council area on the occasion of the second day of Coonamble annual show. Advising the Minister has declared the requested public holiday and the necessary Order under the Public Holidays Act 23010 will be published on the NSW legislation website on 24 January 2014.

**10.30 OFFICE OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES VALUER GENERAL  
R4-1(42602)**

Advising that Notices of Valuation showing the land value of a property based on market conditions as at 1 July 2013 are being issued in Council's LGA. Saying a total of 57 local government areas are being issued with Notices of Valuation from 6 January 2014 until 31 January 2014.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council cannot change valuations and if any ratepayer wishes to object, he/she must proceed in accordance with instructions on the valuation notice. Cr. Burnheim said it seems that all valuations have risen – the General Manager said that the maximum rate increase for the 2014/15 rating year has been set at 2.3% for the total rate income.

**10.31 COONAMBLE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC C8-3(42627)**

Forwarding copies of the Association's minutes from meetings held in November 2013 and January 2014. Advising there was no meeting held in December. Copies of the minutes were attached to the business paper.

**10.32 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE E5-2(42635)**

Offering Council an additional \$88,571 under the Floodplain Risk Management Grants Scheme, bringing the maximum funding amount for the project to \$188,571. Saying Council's request to extend the funding term to 30 November 2014 has also been approved

**10.33 OFFICE OF WATER, DUBBO L5+P1-13(42639)**

Advising it has reviewed documents associated with the integrated development of Warrena Weir – de-silt and deepen Warrena Weir and, as the applicant is a public authority it is exempt from section 91E(1) of the *Water Management Act 2000* and no Controlled Activity Approval is required.

**10.34 NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT – CROWN LANDS DIVISION L5(24628)**

Requesting a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement for the deepening of the watercourse of the Warrena Weir.

The General Manager informed the meeting that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not undertaken as this criteria was addressed in the application that was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries. Mr. Warren said that consent was sought from the owner of the land (Crown Lands) as required by the application process.

**10.35 STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT A5(42431)**

Advising the NSW Legislative Council's Standing Committee on State Development is currently conducting an Inquiry into regional aviation services and forwarding a copy of the terms of reference. Inviting Council to make a submission to the Inquiry – closing date Friday 14 March 2014.

**0687 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council forward a submission, noting that OROC will also make a submission on behalf of its councils and further, that prior to making the submission the General Manager approach Mudgee Council to procure information.

**10.36 THE HON DON PAGE MP L10(42476)**

Advising the final reports of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce have been released. Saying their release marks another milestone in the journey towards stronger, more sustainable local government and reaffirms the NSW Government's commitment to involve councils and their communities in these important discussions on reform.

The General Manager referred to the supplementary report on this matter which was prepared following the meeting of OROC constituents held at Warren on 3 February 2014.

At this juncture, 10.55 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.10 a.m.

**10.37 SPORTS MARKETING AUSTRALIA (SMA) S13(42531)**

Stating that the 2015 Swimming NSW Country Regional Meet has the potential to be conducted in Coonamble and providing information for consideration. Saying that should Council decided to move forward, Swimming NSW will speak with the local association to gauge its level of interest in hosting the event

The General Manager said there is insufficient accommodation available to cater for the number of visitors, competitors and officials expected to attend the event.

**0688 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Schieb that this correspondence be referred to the Coonamble Swimming Club for comment.

**10.38 GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNALS6(42573)**

Advising the Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2014 annual determination. Saying pursuant to s243 of the *Local Government act 1993* (the Act) it is required to make an annual determination no later than 30 April 2014 on fees payable to Councillors and Mayors to take effect from 1 July 2014. Pointing out the Tribunal is not calling for general submissions from individual councils, but if there are issues of concern Council wishes to raise correspondence should be received no later than 21 February 2014.

**10.39 DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS I6-1(42584)**

Referring to the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA) Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Forum held in Bourke on 15 & 16 May 2013. Inviting Expressions of Interest for the Consultative Committee from interested NGOs who operate within the boundaries of the Murdi Paaki region and if Council is interested it should complete an Expression of Interest which must be received by cob Friday 28 February 2014.

**0689 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.10. to 10.39 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**0690 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following matters be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

**10.40 COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB LTD R4-2+PR1524(42663)**

**0691 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council not accede to the request by the Coonamble Golf Club Ltd to provide “in kind” assistance to an amount of \$2,000. *Carried 4 votes/3 votes*

**10.41 GULARGAMBONE ROVERS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB D7(42715)****A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council not agree to provide sponsorship to the Gulargambone Rovers Rugby League Football Club to attend the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby Knock-Out at Newcastle **WAS LOST**

**0692 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that Coonamble Club be given the opportunity to join with Gulargambone and Council agree to provide \$2,000 sponsorship from its Donation vote.

Cr Webb raised a point of order. The ‘point of order’ was to request which way the Mayor had voted on this issue. The Mayor stated it was carried from the floor, he did not have to vote. Cr Webb said the Mayor is required to vote on resolutions.

The General Manager informed Council that under the Regulations if a councillor fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting, it is taken to have voted against the motion. (*Local Government General Regulation S251*).

**10.42 GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK C2-2(42661)**

Advising they would be prepared to have a ‘dump point’ located at the Caravan Park at no cost to travellers who would use it. Pointing out they have spoken with a supplier and a plumber and have ascertained costs of purchase, freight and installation would be approximately \$2,000. Advising if Council approves the facility, would it consider either a financial or installation subsidy.

**0693 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council refer the provision of a caravan dump point for consideration to the 2014/2015 estimates and that a detailed report be provided for Council’s consideration.

**10.43 MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY A2(42659)**

Advising it has engaged an independent facilitator, Jack Beetson, to conduct a series of community consultations throughout the Murdi Paaki region to discuss local decision making. Pointing out the meeting at Coonamble, which

incorporates Gulargambone, will be held at Coonamble Bowling Club on Wednesday 19 February 2014 from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. – lunch provided.

**0694 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that the information be noted.

**10.44 COONAMBLE HOSTEL ASSOCIATION INC A13(42658)**

Congratulating Council on its Australia Day Celebration at the Showground and providing input into next year's event.

**0695 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council note the comments regarding the Australia Day Celebration and thank the writer for her input.

**10.45 RADO – OUTBACK ARTS A11(42687)**

**0696 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that Council nominate Cr Bill Burnheim as its 'primary delegate' and Cr John Walker its 'alternate delegate' and complete the nomination form accordingly prior to the AGM of the Outback Arts Board which is scheduled for 6 March.

**10.46 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(42684)**

Advising the 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held in Canberra from 15 – 18 June.

**0697 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council note the information contained in the letter and attachment.

**10.47 CEO, COONAMBLE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE M5(42706)**

Confirming that the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service is no longer in a financial position to proceed with the block of land currently on offer to it.

**0698 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that Council note the advice from the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and invite Expressions of Interest for the sale of the block.

**10.48 DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10(42697)**

Advising that an "Improvement and Intervention Framework for NSW Councils" has been developed to support the Minister for Local Government and Division of Local Government to identify appropriate intervention and improvement strategies for councils. and associated resources.

**0699 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information regarding the development of an *Improvement & Intervention Framework for NSW Councils* be noted.

**10.49 LANDCARE SUPPORT**

Forwarding three reminders for Council's information:

1. Advising of a Local Land Service (LLS) information day on Friday 14 February in Coonamble.
2. Encouraging rural ratepayers to enrol to vote for LLS Board elections. Enrolments close 5 p.m. 17 February 2014. Advising to phone the local LLS Office to get information and forms or, alternatively, <http://centralwest.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/our-board/elections>
3. Advising a bus will run from Coonamble to the Conservation Farming Field Day in Condobolin on Thursday 20 February. Advising LLS has offered to fund the bus hire and the final cost will be \$40/person to cover field day entry, drinks and snacks on the bus.

**0700 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the information be noted.

#### **11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0701 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

#### **11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**0702 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council note Development Application Nos 027/2013, 028/2013 and 034/2013, together with Complying Development Application No 031/2013, were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

#### **11.2 WIRELESS HOT SPOT – MAIN STREET**

**0703 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that Council agree to provide wireless hotspot, with open access to the CBD only at this stage as a 'pilot' to assess the cost over a three month period.

#### **11.3 CLEANING / DESILTING WARRENA WEIR**

**0704 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that Council note the report and continue to seek approval as quickly as possible to have this work done, noting that the Office of Water has no objection.

#### **11.4 LIBRARY CONNECTIONS PROJECT**

**0705 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that the Library Connections Program not be relocated and it continue at the Library in accordance with funding guidelines.

#### **11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**0706 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that the information in the Economic Development Manager's item be noted.

The following matters were mentioned:

- Driver Licensing – Council noted that the Orana Learner Driver Licence Program is to commence on 6 March for a period of five weeks.
- Cr Cullen referred to the application submitted by Coonamble High School for a mobile workshop – the General Manager said he would provide him with additional information.

**0707 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council not relocate the yards at the Coonamble common from their current location

#### **11.6 CIVIL EMERGENCY LEAVE POLICY**

**0708 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council endorse the attached Civil Emergency Leave Policy and place the document on public exhibition for the prescribed period, inviting submissions prior to formally adopting the policy taking into consideration any submissions received.

#### **11.7 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

**0709 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council nominate Back Combara Road, Baradine Road and the river bank area around the bridge as its sponsored sites to participate in Clean Up Australia Day activities, and further, Councillors participating in the activity notify the General Manager by Friday 21 February 2014 to ensure appropriate site management information is provided.

It was noted that the Mayor agreed to work in the area of the bridge and river bank and Cr Keady agreed to assist on the Back Combara Road.

#### **URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0710 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the following matter be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

#### **11.8 REVITALISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Cr Cullen said an Extraordinary Meeting of Council should be convened for Monday 3 March 2014 at 9.00 a.m. to discuss Council's submission to the Division of Local Government.

At this juncture, 12.29 p.m., a message was received that Coonamble had just been declared eligible for drought relief. The Mayor requested that a letter of thanks be prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP.

**0711 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that a submission to the Division of Local Government be prepared, outlining Council's concerns regarding elements of the report and it be considered at a meeting on Monday 3 March 2014.

It was noted that Councillors Cullen, Keady and Burnheim will attend the meeting at Nyngan on 25 March 2013.

## **12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**0712 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

## **12.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION POLICY**

**0713 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council formally adopt the Community Consultation Policy, noting the document was on public exhibition for the required period and no submissions or comments were received.

## **12.2 COONAMBLE HERITAGE & MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

**0714 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council adopt the 2013 draft Constitution of the Coonamble Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee as presented to the meeting to replace the constitution adopted by Council on 14 June 2006.

## **12.3 SPECIAL MEETING OF HERITAGE & MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**0715 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the minutes of the Coonamble Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 December 2013.

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

**0716 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

## **13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**0717 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 January 2014 be noted.

## **13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0718 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 31 January 2014 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

### 13.3 STORES AND MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR & STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2013

**0719 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$70.74 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$3109.90, as shown below for the period ending 31 December 2013.

**Items in Excess:**

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
SOO472	Petrol	15	19.94
S50003	Adaptor Socket 100mm	1	7.78
S50004	Adaptor Spigot 100mm	1	4.02
S50009	Bend 150mm x 15' FF	1	12.05
S50147	St Connector	1	2.95
S50260	Cap Pushon 150mm	2	24.00
			<b>\$70.74</b>

**Items Unaccounted for:**

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount
S00001	Abrasive disc	2	5.59
S00070	Broom Bass	2	29.79
S00071	Brush Paint	2	10.95
S00143	Diesel	2187	3011.03
S00324	Handle Pick	1	15.08
S50146	St Connector No 3 1 x 0.7	1	4.51
S50310	St Coupling 150mm threaded	2	32.95
			<b>\$3109.90</b>

Councillors asked questions regarding some of the discrepancies, which were responded to by the Directors.

### 13.4 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY - REVIEW

**0720 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the information contained in this item, along with the variations to the policy, be noted.

### 13.5 VANDALISM UPDATE – URBAN SERVICES

**0721 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council note the information and the Director's comments regarding ongoing vandalism to Council property.

### 13.6 2014-2015 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

**0722 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that this item be noted and any items Councillors wish to have included in the budget process must be submitted to the Director no later than 12 March 2014 and further, that a separate meeting be convened for consideration of the budget, with the Director to present a timetable to the April Meeting.

### 13.7 WORKS IN PROGRESS

**0723 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0724 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 LOWER MACQUARIE WATER UTILITIES ALLIANCE (LMWUA)**

**0725 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that the information be noted.

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0726 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0727 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014**

**0728 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Ranger for the months of December 2013 and January 2014 be noted.

Cr Burnheim informed the meeting that he would not be returning to the meeting after lunch, due.

At this juncture, 12.55 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1.50 p.m.

**16.0 DELIVERY PROGRAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**

The Director of Community Services advised Council that the Delivery Program must be presented twice/year and the one tabled at the meeting is for the period from July to December 2013. The Director gave a brief overview of Council's performance in the activities listed in the Program. Council noted overall, of the 187 items, 28 are completed, 140 progressing, 13 either yet to commenced or not progressed and six are not yet due to commence.

The Director of Corporate & Urban Services referred to the quarterly budget review and invited Councillors to ask questions as they went through the document. It was noted that electricity has increased by 30%, however Council has a monitoring service which obtains a 16% discount. Regarding the water treatment plant, the Director of Engineering Services informed Council that no costs are being acknowledged at this stage.

**0729 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council:

- (1) note the Delivery Program review for period to 31 December 2013;
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;

- (3) transfer \$10,000 to the donations vote and \$5,000 to carry out works associated with the Wireless Hot Spot 'pilot' program in the main street;
- (3) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2013.

## **17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

Councillors noted there were no reports for the period.

## **18.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER**

Councillors noted no report was provided, however details for the period would be included in next month's business paper.

## **19.0/20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0730 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(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business"*

**0731 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

## **RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0732 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb & Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

## **ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**0733 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1, 19.2 & 20/1 as detailed below:

### **19.1 CARAVAN PARK**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that a detailed costing be developed to bring the caravan park up to adequate standard in line with current regulations, together with the design of the proposed amenities building, for Council's further consideration.

### **19.2 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

- (1) proceed with the sale of properties identified within the report submitted to Council for recovery of overdue rates and charges under the provision of the Local Government Act and Regulation;
- (2) purchase Assessment No 1317.2 for future Council use;

- (3) only accept payment in full of the outstanding rates, charges and costs incurred in order to withdraw a property from the sale;
- (4) place a reserve on property within Coonamble township;
- (5) not accept offers from known investors who purchase properties to resell;
- (6) authorise Waterford Ryan to act on legal matters pertaining to the sale;
- (7) authorise the General Manager to sign the necessary Certificates;
- (8) authorise the affixing of the Seal to documents relating to the sale.

## 21.0 QUARRY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council note the report by the Director of Engineering Services, that funds of \$183,000 are available to replace the pre-coater at the quarry and to undertake other associated works and that the unit will be inspected by Council officers prior to taking delivery.

## 21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

## 22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### Cr Schieb:

- CCTV – Macdonald Park – noted \$28,000 in budget and suggested cameras be upgraded

**0734 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that Council update the CCTV Cameras to better illuminate Macdonald Park from funds allocated in the budget.

**0735 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that the Director of Engineering Services follow up on the results of tests taken of material from the quarry.

- Building in Tooloon Street – said it is in poor condition, unoccupied and suggested Council's Building Inspector carry out an inspection. Referred to previous suggestion that Council purchase the site to provide an access for caravans, etc. to the car park behind the main street.

### Cr Cullen:

- Referred to Coughran's Canyon – the Director of Engineering Services said that work will start in Dubbo Street within the next two weeks and when completed, Coughran's Canyon rectification will proceed. The Director said it is proposed to upgrade Warrena Street to be used as the route for trucks.
- Pond for storage of effluent for re-use by Golf Club – the Director of Engineering Services advised that he would check levels and Council may be able to start deepening the pond.

- Coonamble levee upgrade – the Director of Engineering Services said no funding is available at this stage. He said there are four stages of the project to be undertaken over four years. The Director said Council can begin resumptions and pay compensation as part of Stage 1 when funding is available.

**Cr Keady:**

- Lawn Cemetery – instal watering system.
- Tourism Meeting – re Spring Fair – advertise for interested groups to attend and provide input.
- Emergency Management Committee – has not been receiving emails re meetings.

**Cr Walker:**

- Requested that the cemetery be cleaned up – was there about 4 weeks ago and the area looked untidy.
- School Children’s bus shelters – application for funding has been submitted – staff will follow up.

**Mayor:**

- Lights in Macdonald Park remain on during the day.
- Solar Panels – discuss at budget meeting.
- Ashtrays needed for bins in main street.
- Purchase more cabins for the Caravan Park.
- Arts Council – wants to paint mural on reservoir at the Sportsground, but it is wet on the outside. The Director said Council should look at replacing the reservoir with a new structure. He said Council has just spent \$20,000 endeavouring to seal leaks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

These Pages (1/5394 to 25/5418) were confirmed on the .....day of MARCH 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 February 2014.

**MAYOR**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

**8.1 RESOLUTIONS IN PROGRESS**

**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:**

**Negotiations commenced for purchase of Smith Park.**

**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. No response to Council's correspondence to the Coonamble LAC at this stage.**

**TRUCK PARKING AREA – PILLIGA/BARADINE TURNOFF**

**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.

**Status:**

**No reply to date from the Roads & Maritime Services.**

**10.8 THE HON MARIE FICARRA MLC L2 (42141)**

**0627 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council advise Coonamble Community Safety Committee that it supports its ongoing efforts to have appropriate action taken against offenders and request a meeting be convened with representative of the Castlereagh Local Area Command, the Mayor, Councillor Schieb and the Magistrate to discuss this matter.

**Status:**

**Meeting requested with Chief Magistrate's Office – no response to date.**

**18.1 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT EVENT**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that following the election of a President and Secretary of Coonamble Rodeo Association, Council meet to form a business alliance to assist in promotion and marketing of the event.

**Status:**

**The Association has advised its delegates to a meeting with Council will be Messrs Len Scott, Peter Kennedy, Andrew Shearer and Mrs Debbie Holland. A date for the meeting has not been set at this stage.**

**SCHOOL BUS SHELTERS**

School Children's bus shelters – application for funding has been submitted – staff will follow up.

**Status:**

**Still awaiting a response regarding Council's application for grant funding.**

**11.3 MANAGEMENT OF COMMON**

**0645 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that :

- (a) Council seek advice from its insurer in the development of a set of procedures to allow the commoners to undertake their own mustering, drenching, marking and other husbandry practices, and in doing so

- (b) Council, as trustee, undertake administrative activity and oversight of collective requirements such as water supply, fencing and asset management.

**Status:**  
**In progress.**

**11.3 CLEANING / DESILTING WARRENA WEIR**

**0704 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that Council note the report and continue to seek approval as quickly as possible to have this work done, noting that the Office of Water has no objection.

**Status:**  
**In progress**

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

**QUARRY MATERIAL**

**0735 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that the Director of Engineering Services follow up on the results of tests taken of material from the quarry.

**Status:**

**No tests were carried out following information from the neighbouring property owner that the dust, which contains phosphorous, can only be used on selected land. He also said he uses less than 2 tonne/annum on his compost. COMPLETED.**

**19.1 COONAMBLE LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL  
THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS** that Council:

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

**Status:**

**Based on the cost to establish the existing garbage depot some 10 years ago, an indicative price to relocate the operation is \$325,000 COMPLETED**

**11.8 REVITALISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**0711 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that a submission to the Division of Local Government be prepared, outlining Council’s concerns regarding elements of the report and it be considered at a meeting on Monday 3 March 2014.

**Status:**

**Crs Cullen, Keady and Burnheim advised they would attend the meeting at Nyngan on 25th March. COMPLETED.**

**UPGRADE OF CCTV CAMERAS – MACDONALD PARK**

**0734 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that Council update the CCTV Cameras to better illuminate Macdonald Park from funds allocated in the budget.

**Status:**

**Included for consideration in the 2014/2015 estimates. COMPLETED**

**BUILDING IN TOOLOON**

Suggested Council's Building Inspector carry out an inspection. Referred to previous suggestion that Council purchase the site to provide an access for caravans, etc. to the car park behind the main street.

**Status:**

**Manager of Environmental Services has inspected the premises and, at this stage, there are no health or safety concerns with the building.  
COMPLETED.**

**9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014**

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**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

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

**10.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(42751)**

Advising the Associations' Joint Committee considered a report and resolved to approve an application for legal assistance by Canterbury City Council (the council). Pointing out the matter concerns a land-locked piece of land that was purchased by a private owner with no legal access to a public road. Saying the land was previously owned by the RTA who informed Council of its intention to sell to the adjoining owners. Advising that the land was subject to a LEP in 2006 that rezoned it as 'residential' and included a provision requiring the land have suitable road access before any approval could be given.

Pointing out the RTA proceeded to sell the property on the open market without consulting Council and the new owner contacted Council and sought an easement to the public road over land zoned as "open space" and classified as 'community land'. Saying the owner was advised that Council did not have power to do this – the owner then made an application to the Supreme Court of NSW to impose an easement over the Council land – which was granted.

Saying Council argued that, if allowed to stand, the decision will lower the bar for people seeking easements over community land and that the decision could have major adverse implications for other councils in terms of undermining attempts to protect public recreation land from alienation for private purposes. Stating the former Associations' Joint Committee approved the application for legal assistance as it complied with the provisions of the Legal Assistance Policy.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – If an application from a council is approved for assistance all Councils are invited to contribute towards legal costs and a letter will be received shortly advising the amount sought. In the past Council has agreed to assist if the matter being contested may be encountered within its jurisdiction. Council has received an invoice in the amount of \$200.35)

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to support Canterbury City Council with legal expenses in its endeavours to have the easement over public recreation land revoked and pay the amount of \$200.35**

<b>10.2</b>	<b>NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL</b>	<b>A2(42900)</b>
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On behalf of Narrandera Shire Council and the Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) Executive inviting interested staff to attend the 2014 LGAN Network Conference in Narrandera on 10 – 12 September – the theme of the conference is *Connecting to Country – Old Ways, Future Paths*". Encouraging a representative from Council to attend. Pointing out the estimated registration fee (yet to be confirmed) is \$750 – with a proposed 'early bird' rate of \$700. Saying a full Conference Program will be available in May 2014.

**Recommendation:**

**That Councillors advise the General Manager if they wish to register for this Seminar.**

<b>10.3</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW</b>	<b>L10</b>
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Advising that Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is set to embark on a consultation roadshow to canvass the views of NSW councils on the recommendations in the independent Local Government Review Panel's final report, *Revitalising Local Government*. Saying sensible Local Government reform is imperative if NSW councils are to meet the future needs of their communities and ensure they are financially sustainable. Pointing out the *Revitalising Local Government* report has far-reaching implications for then future of Local Government in NSW and it is critical that all councils help steer the impending change to the sector. Stating LGNSW is holding at least 11 Leaders Forums and it will be asking councils their views on a number of key recommendations of the Review Panel's report, which will form its submission to the NSW Government.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The forums will be conducted from 6 March to 9 April 2014 and those closest to Coonamble are Nyngan on 25 March and Tamworth on 3 April).

**Recommendation:**

**That Councillors wishing to attend the Leaders Forum advise the General Manager of the venue best suited to them.**

**Section B – Matters for Council's Information.****10.4 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL L13-2(42731)**

Thanking Council for providing complementary access to the pool for students during the recent holidays. Saying many students expressed their appreciation that they were able to use the pool more frequently than would otherwise be possible. Further thanking Council for extending this generous offer to the current school swimming scheme.

**10.5 CROWN LANDS DIVISION P1-13(42728)**

Referring to proposed dredging of Warrena Weir and saying that a temporary license will be a requirement to proceed with works. Stating that as the Coonamble Shire Council is Trust Manager for both the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve (R24511) and the Coonamble Common Trust (R65624) it may be a requirement that written consent be granted and submitted by the Trusts for the works due to their close proximity to the Weir. Saying that if this is required Council will be advised.

**10.6 VICE CAPTAIN & CLUB CAPTAIN, COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB LTD R4-2+PR1524(42757)**

Saying he is at a loss to understand Council's decision in declining a \$1000 water allocation to the Club at its February meeting. Saying that when this allowance was granted it helped to maintain the grassed areas on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees closest to the road. Pointing out the considerable amount of money given to other sporting clubs who have money in the bank or hold one-off events. Referring to the Jockey Club – a cash donation of \$2,600/year despite being more than \$200,000 in the black and receiving increased earnings from the TAB and \$2,900 for plant assistance hire. Pointing out the \$10,000 to Little Athletics for a long jump pit which sees little use; \$2,000 to Gulargambone Aboriginal League to attend a one-off tournament in Newcastle.

Pointing out that Council does not refuse many requests for assistance, so he would be interested to know why the Gold Club request was declined, saying it is a not-for-profit club, has approximately 120 playing members and 160 social members, is used weekly by the public and visitors. Saying he finds it inconceivable that Council does not recognise the asset it has in the Golf Club and does not do more to support it, as other councils seemingly do – referring to the assistance provided at Warren.

Saying the last time the Club sought support from Council was in 2012 when a State Tournament was being hosted. Pointing out the request was also declined and instead, Council offered \$1,000 of 'in kind' assistance to fix potholes in the car park – which are still there! Stating the Club relies on drinkers and a modest poker machine income for survival.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – There was some confusion as to what the resolution actually entailed. It was understood that no additional money would be donated to the Golf Club. This will also be addressed at Confirmation of the Minutes).

<b>10.7</b>	<b>DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>L10-1(42748)</b>
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Advising the Minister for Local Government has extended the deadline for receipt of public submissions on the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Government Acts Taskforce final report to Friday 4 April. Saying this will allow councils additional time to consider the reports in detail and prepare submissions.

<b>10.8</b>	<b>MICHELLE LEONARD – MOORAMBILLA VOICES LTD</b>	<b>D5-6-1(42817)</b>
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Saying that, in recognition that 2013 was the end of the three year Memorandum of Understanding with Council and Moorambilla Festival and in light of the ABC documentary and ongoing opportunities, she has chosen to change the artistic direction of Moorambilla Voices 2014. Advising that the choirs of Moorambilla Voices will do a farewell concert at the Coonamble Pavilion on Saturday 20 September 2014 and will then do a national recording for the ABC and other performances in Sydney. Thanking Council for its support of the festival.

<b>10.9</b>	<b>THE HON KATRINA HODGKINSON MP</b>	<b>D9(42821)</b>
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Writing regarding current drought conditions across NSW and saying the NSW Government understands the additional pressures placed on primary producers as climatic conditions continue to deteriorate. Stating in November 2013 the NSW Government announced a \$7.6m temporary emergency assistance package for some three LGAs, which has now been increased to \$14.6m and expanded to cover a further 20 LGAs, including Coonamble. Pointing out the measures include:

- Up to \$20,000/producer in the form of a Transport Assistance Reimbursement;
- Up to \$30,000/producer for Emergency Water Infrastructure Grants; and

- The waiving of Western Lands lease payments, Local Land Services rates and Wild Dog Destruction Board rates for a 12 month period where applicable.

Further advising the measures are back-dated to 1 January 2014 for all LGAs, with the exception of the Transport Assistance Reimbursement for Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett LGAs, which is back-dated to 1 July 2013.

Stating the new measures are also in addition to existing assistance available to all landholders in NSW, which include:

- Transport Subsidies for Animal Welfare, focused on stock going to sale or slaughter where there is significant risk to animal welfare, which will remain while drought conditions persist;
- The Rural Financial Counselling Service;
- The Rural Support Worker Program;
- Low interest rate loans through the Rural Assistance Authority; and
- Farm business preparedness and resilience programs including PROfarm courses, short and long course training through Tocal College and TAFE.

Pointing out that in February 2013 the NSW Government abolished drought declarations and established the Regional Assistance Advisory Committee (RAAC) and enhanced monthly seasonal conditions reports. Saying RAAC and the Local Land Services will continue to monitor and provide advice and recommendations to the NSW Government. Saying the Government is continuing to work on support mechanisms for farmers and are in line with State and Commonwealth agreements on drought.

<b>10.10</b>	<b>INLAND NSW TOURISM</b>	<b>T3-12(42851)</b>
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Advising that Inland NSW recently sought applicants from LGA member representatives from the Central NSW region of Inland NSW to be considered for appointment as a Casual Director to the Inland NSW Board. Pointing out the vacancy occurred as a result of Sally Bouchier's resignation as LGA representative for Central NSW in her role as Economic Development Officer of Narromine Shire Council. Advising the Board made a unanimous decision to appoint Natasha Comber, Manager – City Development & Communications – Dubbo City Council to the role.

<b>10.11</b>	<b>DUNCAN GAY MLC – MINISTER FOR ROADS &amp; PORTS</b>	<b>R8-23(42847)</b>
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Advising further initiatives to support the State's road freight industry saying he has acquired co-delegation powers to enable the State's road managers to process permit applications for journeys within NSW. Saying there are delays in the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) system that are hurting the road freight industry and everything must be done to support the regulator and help with assessment and issue of much needed access permits. Pointing out that

RMS is working with individual councils across the State to help fast track the assessment and issuing of access permits. Saying Roads Managers in NSW include RMS for state roads and local councils for local roads. Advising NHVR came into effect last week and took on the responsibility for processing permit applications.

**10.12 RICHARD HANCOCK, CEO, NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE  
REGULATOR R8-23(42846)**

Writing to inform Council that NSW RMS will temporarily process applications for over size and over-mass vehicles (OSOM) and special purpose vehicles (SPV). Advising heavy haulage operators in three States (NSW, Queensland & Victoria) can now temporarily apply directly to their state road transit authority for certain permit applications for travel within state borders. Stating that for all other applications, including all cross-border applications and even cross-border OSOM/SPV applications, operators must apply to the NHVR as they normally would. Saying the temporary arrangements with state government would help ease the challenges for industry and government in the early days of adjusting to the new Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL). Pointing out the new national laws are a big change, particularly the strict requirement for local councils to give approval for heavy vehicles to travel on local roads before permits for the whole journey can be issued. Saying they are putting their efforts into working closely with the States and Councils to streamline the process to assist operators in meeting timeframe requirements. Stating RMS has co-delegation powers that allow the state's road managers to process all new Class 1 and 3 OSOM and SPV access applications for travel within NSW.

**10.13 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10(42861)**

Advising that as of Monday 24 February 2014 the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet has become the Office of Local Government. Saying the Office of Local Government is an executive agency related to the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and, as such, remains part of the DPC Cluster but not as a 'Division' within the Department. Pointing out the change has been made as a result of the new Government Sector Employment Act 2013 which also commenced on Monday 24 February 2014. Saying there will be no change in terms of its role with the local government sector and contact details/postal address will remain the same.

**10.14 OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES – SPORT AND RECREATION G5-  
14(42886)**

Advising the next round of the Sport and Recreation Participation & Facility Program will open on 3 March 2014. Saying the guidelines have been amended to include the requirement for Council applications to identify community organisations that are partner to the project (where applicable).

<b>10.15</b>	<b>THE HON BARNABY JOYCE MP</b>	<b>D9(42902)</b>
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Thanking the Mayor for his letter of 22 January concerning drought conditions in the Shire, also for organising and hosting a lunch meeting in Coonamble on 2 February. Saying while he realises the benefit that interest rate subsidies can bring to individual farm businesses, successive reviews of drought programs have found that they are ineffective and inequitable and can result in farm businesses being less responsive to drought conditions. Advising the governments have agreed to move towards measures focused on encouraging risk management and preparedness by farmers. Saying he is looking into what changes can be made to the assistance already available to farmers and what additional measures might be needed and will be seeking broader government agreement to these as soon as possible.

Stating the Australian Government currently supports farmers experiencing hardship through a number of assistance measures including income support payments, concessional loans and access to free financial counselling. Saying he understands the NSW government has announced the expansion of its temporary emergency assistance package to include Coonamble and encouraging Council to advise farmers in the region to take advantage of this assistance.

<b>10.16</b>	<b>NSW YOUTH WEEK COORDINATOR</b>	<b>G5-9(42940)'</b>
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Advising that a grant of \$750 has been allocated to Council to operate a shuttle bus for activities and events outlined in the application submitted by the Director of Community Services.

<b>10.17</b>	<b>MATT PARMETER</b>	<b>L3-1+F9(42796)</b>
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Requesting Council to give 'in principle' support to the Solar Energy eXchange Initiative (SEXI). Saying the proposed SEXI group of councils would cover much of inland NSW and approximately 66% of the area of NSW. Advising to date 19 councils and the Unincorporate Area (covering about 55% of NSW) have voted 'in principle' support; the OROC has given 'in principle' support as have three other ROCs. Pointing out that the NSW Legislative Council (the NSW Upper House) has passed a motion of support. Advising the SEXI proposal is that the Federal Government fund photovoltaic (PV) installations across this area and five medium scale concentrating solar power plants of a size suitable to operate and run the infrastructure. Saying if Council is able to pass a motion of 'in principle' support it would be appreciated.

<b>10.18</b>	<b>COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC</b>	<b>S13(42899)</b>
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Responding to Council's letter regarding the 2015 Swimming NSW Country Regional Meet and saying the Club would be overjoyed to see the event in Coonamble. Pointing out Coonamble pool meets the requirements and beyond for this event and the Club has many members who have previously attended the event throughout the state. Saying the financial benefits of hosting the event have been conveyed to Council and speak for themselves.

Saying members appreciate the restraints of accommodation in Coonamble, but they believe follow up is required to see what the entrant numbers at Inverell were to gauge an idea. Pointing out this highlights the need for further development of accommodation in Coonamble if our tourist profile is to be raised and to encourage future events such as this to come to Coonamble. Believing this needs further investigation.

<b>10.19</b>	<b>OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT &amp; HERITAGE</b>	<b>F5-4</b>
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Advising that Stage 1 – Coonamble Levee Upgrade - has been activated from the 2013-14 Floodplain Management Program reserve list and offered funding of up to \$2,700,000. Requesting Council to submit a detailed Work Plan for the project.

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
4 March 2014

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

**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
04/14	Don Miller	Geolyse P/L	Boundary adjust.	"Woodside", Coonamble	25/02/2014

**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 No 004/2014 was approved under delegated authority since last meeting.**

<b>11.2 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***

***EN2.1 Plan land use strategically and sensitively***

***EN2.1.23 Continue to review Local Environmental Plan***

**Background:**

Council has resolved to review the current Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Expressions of Interest were called to conduct the review for Council with Mike Svikis being successful. Mr Svikis has undertaken several similar review for other local government authorities.

**Issues:**

The LEP has the effect of Law and is Council's strategic planning instrument. Council cannot lawfully deviate from a gazetted LEP.

Mr Svikis will address Council at the meeting and has proposed the following time table to address the necessary processes required to make changes to the LEP:

Task	Estimated timeframe
Report to Council (recommendation regarding further actions)	December 2013
Inception meeting, site inspection, councillors workshop	11/12 March 2014
Drafting of Planning Proposal	March 2014
Report to Council – review and finalization of Planning Proposal – send to DP&I	9 April 2014
Gateway Determination	May 2014
Finalisation of additional studies as requested by Council and Gateway Determination	June 2014
Review and update of the planning proposal in accordance with findings of studies	June 2014
Public exhibition of planning proposal for 28 days	July 2014
Agency consultation	July 2014
Review submissions	August 2014
Report to Council	August 2014
Preparation of a final planning proposal for submission to the DE&I requesting the LEP amendment be made	September 2014
Submission to Planning Minister	October 2014
Responses to Ministerial comments	October 2014
Gazettal	November 2014

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Coonamble Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 2011
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information.**

<b>11.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
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*Author: Lee O'Connor – Economic Development Manager.*

**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
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	1. Liaison with Crown Lands.	•Council offer made 27.2.14 on Smith Park in response to Crown Lands Valuation Report.
Mobile Phone Coverage	Submission prepared in response to federal government Mobile Coverage Programme Discussion Paper.	•Submitted 27.2.14.
Support new and existing business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions:</b> provide information and referral.</li> <li>2. <b>Chamber of Commerce</b> – attended Feb meeting.</li> <li>3. <b>Micro Finance for Small Business</b> – met with Natalie Young, Many Rivers Microfinance. Organised her attendance at Chamber meeting.</li> <li>4. <b>Business Awards</b> –</li> <li>5. <b>Business Dinner</b> –</li> <li>6. <b>Business Training</b> – Visual Merchandising workshop. Liaising with Chamber and other EDOs.</li> <li>7. <b>Local Land Services</b> – organising meeting for Mayor with local stakeholders and Regional LLS Manager Laurie Dwyer.</li> <li>8. <b>Welcome to Coonamble Lunch</b> – assisted RTC/Chamber to organise bags.</li> <li>9. <b>Business Bulletin</b> –</li> <li>10. <b>Workcover Presentation</b> – provided advice on organisation and promotion.</li> <li>11. <b>Inquiries New Residents</b> – respond to online inquiries from prospective residents.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. McKeown Electrical commenced operations mid Feb. 2 new inquiries this month.</li> <li>2. Next Chamber meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>3. Many Rivers available for microfinance and mentoring for Coonamble district businesses.</li> <li>4. Business Awards – for discussion at March Chamber meeting.</li> <li>5. Dinner postponed due to staff changes at 2828.</li> <li>6. Retail Revamp workshop to be held 10 March, 7am. 33 registrations to date.</li> <li>7. Meeting to be held week beginning 10 March.</li> <li>8. Welcome to Coonamble Lunch held Saturday 22 February. 30 new residents attended (40 in 2013)</li> <li>9. February/March Bulletin produced and distributed.</li> <li>10. Presentation held Wed 26 Feb. 16 business people attended.</li> <li>11. 3 inquiries this month. (2 Sydney, 1 Victoria)</li> </ol>

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS/OUTCOMES</b>
Employment Circle	1. Called meeting.	1. Meeting scheduled for 4 <sup>th</sup> March.
Review & Develop Shire Investment Strategy	1. Shire ED Committee –	1. Four EOIs received. See following report

**Recommendation:**

**That the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report be noted.**

<b>11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATION</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***

***L1.1 Encourage broader involvement in community activities***

**Background:**

In November, 2013 Council resolved to form an Economic Development Committee and adopted a Charter for the Committee, including provision for community representation.

Following an advertised call for Expressions of Interest which closed on 28 February 2014, four nominations were received for the three community representative positions on the Committee.

Council now needs to determine which community representatives will be appointed and which two Councillors, along with the Mayor, will formally constitute the Committee.

**Issues:**

The adopted Charter allows for three Community Representatives and three Councillor positions, including the Mayor as Chair, General Manager and relevant staff.

Expressions of Interest were received from:

- 1) James Nalder
- 2) Alison Dent
- 3) David Taylor
- 4) Donna Swansborough

According to the Charter for the Coonamble Economic Development Advisory Committee

*“Business and community members will be selected to achieve a mix of experience/expertise in the following areas:*

- business and property services*
- small business*
- retail and personal services*
- tourism/hospitality*
- manufacturing/construction/transport*
- agriculture/agricultural services*
- education, employment and training.”*

A table summarising the information provided by each of the candidates is attached.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:** Nil

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:**

1. Appoint three Community and three Councillor representatives to form the inaugural Economic Development Committee.
2. Call for further Expressions of Interest.

<b>Recommendation: For Council's determination.</b>
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CANDIDATE	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND NETWORKS	OTHER BACKGROUND	REASON FOR NOMINATING
James Nalder 'Cudgewa' Coonamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Owner/operator mixed farming enterprise.</li> <li>- Former President Coonamble Farming Co-op.</li> <li>- Committee member Coonamble Jockey Club since 2010. Current VP.</li> <li>- Current President Yesterday's Heroes Charity Ball Committee.</li> <li>- Involvement with agricultural industry focus groups and research organisations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience with different aspects of business and property management.</li> <li>- Small business operations including marketing, bookkeeping, business growth.</li> <li>- Experience in retail and customer service.</li> <li>- Regular contact with manufacturing, transport, construction businesses in Shire.</li> <li>- Mixed cropping and livestock farmer plus previous employment as Agronomist at Walgett.</li> <li>- University degree, TAFE and other diploma courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Broad local knowledge and awareness of community values. Desire to make a solid commitment.</li> <li>- Understanding of economic challenges facing district – trying to encourage and retain business, investment, employment, population growth, and revenue.</li> <li>- Wish to participate in activities to achieve economic activity.</li> <li>- Bring experience and affiliation with local wider community to benefit the committee.</li> <li>- Can contribute practical ideas and plans that work with Council's Community Strategic Plan.</li> </ul>
Alison Dent 'Neeworra' Gulargambone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board member Orana Regional Development Board 6.5years.</li> <li>- Worked on Tent Summit to organize sponsorship, delegates, transport and accommodation.</li> <li>- Attended Regional Development Conference, Bateman's Bay 2003.</li> <li>- Part-time Events Manager position, Gulargambone for CSC 2005.</li> <li>- Operations Manager and Project Co-ordinator for Macquarie Barwon Region Western Student Connections, Careers Advice Aust. 2006-2009.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sculpture Artist – business venture.</li> <li>- Joint owner/operator Agricultural Enterprise (mainly cattle).</li> <li>- Contracted by Murdi Paaki to manage projects in Gulargambone 2010-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good understanding and knowledge of Far West and Central Western Regions of NSW.</li> <li>- Relevant experience and expertise.</li> <li>- Previous Board experience means suited to being part of ED Committee.</li> </ul>

CANDIDATE	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND NETWORKS	OTHER BACKGROUND	REASON FOR NOMINATING
David Taylor 'Glenidyl' Coonamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Landholder, owner operator of agricultural business.</li> <li>- Fourth generation of keen supporters of all things Coonamble.</li> <li>- Four years Councillor on Coonamble Shire.</li> <li>- Local Radio Station announcer.</li> <li>- Rugby Club member.</li> <li>- Golf Club member and executive.</li> <li>- Assistance to many other committees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fifteen years in Financial Industry in Sydney.</li> <li>- Member of various Council Committees during time as Councillor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Range of experience in developing and managing plans.</li> <li>- Banking experience will assist to assess the type of economic development that has best chance to succeed.</li> <li>- Knowledge of the nature and influence of local government and the working of Shire committees.</li> <li>- Chance to give something back to the town and community.</li> <li>- Comfortable with the proposed role of committee and hope to be included.</li> </ul>
Donna Swansborough 'Riversleigh' Coonamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current President Chamber of Commerce.</li> <li>- Former Shire Councillor serving two terms.</li> <li>- Former owner/operator wholesale and retail business.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member of various Council Committees during time as Councillor.</li> <li>- Has been employed in a range of other local business sectors.</li> <li>- Service on various community committees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friendships and connections with local residents and residents of Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Gulargambone, Quambone and Carinda.</li> <li>- Aware of struggles of communities in bringing economic growth and prosperity.</li> <li>- Giving back to the community.</li> </ul>

**RICK WARREN**

General Manager

4 March 2014

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014**

### **12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS**

#### **Background:**

In line with Council's 2013/14 Operational Plan, this report presents a summary of community services progress and activities for the period November 2013– February 2014.

#### **Issues:**

#### **1. Community Development**

##### **1.1 *Crime Prevention***

##### **1.1.1 Burglar Beware II (break and enter)**

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

The Burglar Beware II project addressed residential burglary through access control measures and an awareness campaign. A community development officer worked with Police and residents in Coonamble to target harden their homes as well as increase their knowledge of, and commitment to, home safety. The project concluded with the following outcomes:

- 64 participants engaged in the program.
- 53 participants took part in a post project survey with the following results:

Equipment installation – of the 53 participants surveyed, 50 were “extremely happy” with the equipment installation and 3 were “happy”.

Further security upgrades –34 participants did not make additional security upgrades to their property. 19 participants made further upgrades as a result of the project  
(Security lights – 3, Screens – 3, Cameras – 3, Fence – 2, Locks -4, Security door – 2, Dog – 2)

Sense of safety – 46 participants responded that they feel much safer as a result of the project, 4 participants feel somewhat safer, 1 participant responded that they retained the same sense of safety and 2 participants were unsure whether their sense of safety had changed.

Participant comments include:

- “100% happy, caught someone on the cameras. Police officers Shaun & Marty said it's the best footage they've seen. Charges pending”.
  - “Caught someone on camera, it scared them away when they saw it”.
  - “Very happy, haven't had any trouble since, helps with identifications”.
  - “Makes you think and gives you a sense of security”
  - “I feel safe of a night, can relax, gives a sense of security”.
- 91% of participants believe they have an increased knowledge of how to keep their property safe as a result of the project. Only 2 participants thought their knowledge level had remained the same and one participant did not believe they had an increased knowledge as a result of the project.
  - 85% of participants believe their knowledge had increased as a result of the project. 4 participants believe their knowledge to have remained the same and 1 participant did not believe they had gained further knowledge as a result of the project.
  - Statistics from the Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research indicated a reduction in break and enter offences:

Offence	Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	Oct 2012 -Sep 2013	36 month trend	Average annual % change
Break & enter - dwelling	164	97	100	Down	-21.9%

## 1.2 Youth anti-social behaviour

### 1.2.1. Bang the Table

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

The Bang the Table project is progressing with the Youth Council refining a schedule of youth focussed activities. The first activity “Pool Family Fun Day” successfully completed with 135 in attendance. Mission Australia and MacKillop Rural Services partnered in the day, providing activities and staff supervision.



Young people are now working towards organising the second event.

### 1.2.2 Youth Council

**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program L1.1.1** Continue to support Coonamble Shire Youth Council as a link between young people and their Council

The Youth Council met during November 2013 and recommenced in February 2014. Forward dates have been agreed by Gulargambone Central School and Coonamble High School. Service providers are beginning to attend Youth Council meetings as a method of engaging with young people.

12 new members from Coonamble High School has boosted Youth Council membership to 27 participants. Two of the 2013 year 12 school leavers have continued their membership, providing leadership and mentoring to new members.

### 1.2.3 Blue Reelers

**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program P3.1.** Support and promote healthy lifestyles

A Police facilitated Blue Reelers night was held at the Vacation Care Centre with the Giyaali Youth Van and a big screen movie. Approximately 30 children and parents/ carers attended. Police from the Local Area Command provided a BBQ for participants.



### 1.2.4 Quambone Youth Activities

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

During the January holiday period, a program of youth activities was facilitated at Quambone. Weekly sessions were delivered to children and their carers, in partnership with Quambone Women's Group. In total 27 children, pre-schoolers and parents attended 4 sessions.



## **2. Library**

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

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

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

EC3.4.4 Promote Shire libraries as venues for innovative educational support

The Library Connections Project is an externally funded project aiming to build connections between the Aboriginal community of Coonamble Shire and the Coonamble Library. The project involves a part time Project Worker facilitating a twelve (12) month program in accordance with a framework involving *place making*, *bridge building* and *cultural development*. During the reporting period the following has occurred:

- *Stories in the Street* became successful last year with many children and their parents attending. This activity has recommenced at McDonald Park and in the Library.
- *Stories in the Street* tent at the Coonamble Pool Family Fun Day, where more than 20 children participated in stories and craft activities.
- Pre school and day care centre readings were highly successful with positive letters of support received from those organisations. This has resulted in Library visits by children and their parents/carers who have not previously visited the Library.
- Big screen movie nights for young people occurred fortnightly with up to 17 young people in attendance.
- Homework help and after school activities Monday & Tuesday afternoon 3-5pm have been well attended, with an average of 12 young people per session.

- Facilitated usage of publicly available Gamilaraay language computer program.
- Assisted an increased number of patrons to access online information.
- Strengthened community relationships with the following organisations;
  - Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
  - Coonamble Pre School
  - Coonamble Public Pre School
  - Coonamble Children's Services
  - Smart Kids Day Care Centre
  - Coonamble Public School
  - Coonamble High School
  - Coonamble Aboriginal Land Council
  - MacKillop Community Services
  - Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre
  - Outback Arts
  - TAFE
- Bench mark patron survey compiled and report commenced.
- Aboriginal art/craft display has been highly successful with twelve local artists submitting works to date. The art/craft project has engaged many community members in participating in the library that would not have normally, or have never, used the library. Many have since joined the library or visit more regularly. One artist donated significant books and films to the library. Donation of materials received from Gungarrimaa Aboriginal Corporation which includes a number of children's books for different ages, DVDs and CDs.
- Art exhibition and Harmony Day activity planning underway.
- External groups utilising Library space:
  - Family History group
    - Writers' Group
    - Interact (Employment Services)
    - Coonamble Public School

### **3. Vacation Care**

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

P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion

133 occasions of care were provided during the reporting period.

The service underwent its National Quality Framework On-Site Assessment and has been rated as *working towards* meeting the National Quality Standards.

### **4. Tourism**

#### **4.1 Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft**

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

P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion

Continued administration of the Regional Flagship Funding for the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft on behalf of the Coonamble Rodeo Association.

#### **4.2 Destination Management Planning**

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

EC1.1.5 Develop existing visitor markets,

EC1.1.6 Participate in Inland Tourism and Great Inland Way initiatives

- Maintained membership of the Great Inland Way and Warrumbungle Tourism Cluster committees, identifying possible collaborative marketing opportunities.
- Joined 'Destination Macquarie Marshes' – a tourism cluster including Warren and Walgett Shire Councils together with RiverSmart. The cluster has outlined a draft action plan to identify product development and marketing opportunities for the Macquarie Marshes.
- Project planning has commenced for Central Inland NSW tourism cluster (Gilgandra, Warrumbungle, Dubbo, Narromine, Warren and Lachlan LGAs). Cluster has requested that each LGA make allowances in their 2013/14 budget for regional marketing and product development initiatives.
- Became a contributor to the Inland Adventure Trail (managed by Upper Hunter Country Tourism) Facebook page and website.

### 4.3 Visitor Information Centre

Visitor statistics for reporting period (Nov 13 – Feb 14)

	November 2013	December 2013	January 2014	February 2014
Place of origin	NSW – 80% QLD – 15% Overseas – 3% VIC – 1% SA – 1%	NSW – 80% ACT – 10% QLD – 2% NT – 1% VIC – 1% SA – 1%	NSW – 85% QLD – 10% VIC – 2% SA – 2% Overseas – 1%	NSW – 100%
Service request	1. Directions 2. Toilets 3. Attractions 4. Accommodation	1. Directions 2. Toilets 3. Attractions 4. Accommodation	1. Directions 2. Toilets 3. Attractions 4. Accommodation	1. Directions 2. Toilets 3. Attractions 4. Accommodation
TOTAL Visitors	66	24	17	10

## 5. Grants

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

Caravan Park Accommodation and Amenities Upgrade- Crown Lands Public Reserves Management Fund Program (PRMFP) grant application successful.

## 6. Events

- Australia Day 2014
- Commenced planning for Rodeo Corporate Hospitality Tent, Clean Up Australia Day and Heritage Day
- White Ribbon Gala Night

## 7. Preservation Needs Assessment for the Neville Owen Collection

Tegan Anthes, from Preservation Australia, visited Coonamble as part of the Preservation Needs Assessment grant obtained from the National Library of Australia through the Community Heritage Grants program. Ms Anthes examined the collection including negatives held in the Archives room, equipment held on display in the Museum Under the Bridge, prints held in the library and the exhibition of work in McCullough Hall. Ms Anthes spoke with the Curator and a number of staff members previously involved in aspects of the Neville Owen Collection. She also spent time with Neville Owen discussing technical aspect of his work.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:** Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress report.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

4 March 2014

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 28/02/2014 compared to 28/02/2013:

	<b>31/01/2014</b>	<b>31/01/2013</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	791,468.50	763,910.00
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,683,195.68	5,474,351.59
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,474,664.18</b>	<b>6,238,261.59</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(62,382.97)	(65,268.26)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(51,040.61)	(53,401.30)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,361,240.60</b>	<b>6,119,592.03</b>
Less Collections	(4,175,977.77)	(3,569,693.02)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>2,185,262.83</b>	<b>2,549,899.01</b>
Plus Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>2,185,262.83</b>	<b>2,549,899.01</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	65.65%	58.33%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	34.35%	41.67%

**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 - 22/03/2014	3.66%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/03/2014	3.30%	30 Days	1,000,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/03/2014	3.55%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 03/03/2014	3.70%	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 - 17/04/2014	3.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 24/04/2014	3.60%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 11/03/2014	3.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Orana Mutual	Unrated	Term Deposit - 26/05/2014	3.65%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 14/04/2014	3.70%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/04/2014	3.65%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 23/05/2014	3.43%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	At Call Account	3.10%	-	1,500,000.00
CBA	A1+	At Call Account	2.50%	-	1,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	12%	50%	2,000,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	24%	50%	4,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	12%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	6%	35%	1,000,000
ME Bank	A1+	30%	35%	5,000,000
Orana Mutal	Unrated	6%	10%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	73%	100%	12,000,000
A1	12%	80%	2,000,000
A2	6%	60%	1,000,000
Unrated	9%	30%	1,500,000
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>
<b>General Fund Investments</b>			<b>9,596,732</b>
<b>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,775,713</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>4,127,554</b>
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 28 February 2014 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.**

**13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS****Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces.
- Preparations to the Sportsground for the winter sports are underway with repairs carried out to the Football Goal Posts and the marking of the athletics track being carried out.

**Vandalism Update:**

- Toilet facilities at the primitive campground have been severely vandalised with internal walls being kicked in.

**Pools:**

- Toilets and cisterns have been replaced in the change rooms at the Coonamble Pool.
- The Coonamble Pool facility has recently hosted Zone and Regional Carnivals for the Catholic and Public Schools. Council staff received positive feedback on the presentation of the facility.
- As per the practise in the previous swimming seasons the 2013/2014 swim season will finish at the end of March with the Pool facilities closing to the public
- Pool Staff will carry out minor identified maintenance prior to the redeployment with Council's workforce during the winter months.

**Buildings:**

- Planned works to the Visitors information Centre have been completed.
- Steel Doors and frames for the Quambone Hall have been ordered and are expected to be installed the week ending 07/03/2014
- Staff are in the process of currently reviewing the condition of Council's building assets with regards to the prioritisation of maintenance works program

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

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Service

4 March 2014

**14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014****14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS****(a) Plant/Workshop:**

- Repairs have been completed as required on the following plant: Plant No 54; Plant No 146; Plant No 20300; Plant No 153; Plant No 196; Plant No 194; Plant No 113; Plant No 071; Plant No 113 and Plant No 252.
- Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed as required.

**(b) Vehicle Purchases/Disposals:**

- Three administration vehicles have been received and trades released.
- Three surplus vehicles have yet to be sent to auction

**(c) Airport:**

- The access road to the agricultural spray area has been formed and fencing and permanent gates will be erected and/or replaced as resources permit.
- Routine maintenance completed as required.

**(d) Depot:**

- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.
- Increased monitoring of fuel issues in progress.

**(e) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:**

- The contractors have completed re-compaction of the treatment lagoon walls and replaced leaking concrete plinths in the filtered water pump station. The chlorine pump has been repaired and a list of defects provided for attention.
- Final commissioning of the plant will be undertaken during the week commencing 3 March 2014. The plant must be operated for five continuous work days to comply with the contract conditions.
- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- Lowering and re-location of the water mains at the intersection of Dubbo and Aberford Street have been completed.

**(f) Sewerage:**

- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.

- An audit of the plants will be undertaken by Hunter Water as part of Council's asset management. Audits are in accordance with LMWUA guidelines.

**(g) State Highway:**

- Reseals have been completed on rehabilitation works previously undertaken on the highway.
- The repainting of lines has been completed.
- Shoulder grading north and south of Coonamble has been completed.
- Spraying of road shoulders adjacent to the edge lines has been completed.
- Works are due to commence on ordered works involving the replacement and repair of culverts and wing walls north of Wingadee Road.

**(h) Regional Roads:**

- Final seals to heavy patches on RR129B; RR129Q; RR383 and RR7517 and associated line marking have been completed.
- Reseals and line marking have been completed on RR383 & RR129B.
- Heavy patching on MR383 in the "Floddenfield" area will commence shortly.
- Edge patching has been completed in several areas.
- A company will be engaged to "jack" the concrete approach slab on Warrena Creek bridge to remove the failed approach.
- Headwalls have been ordered to replace damaged box culvert on RR129Q 2kms from Quambone.

**(i) Local Roads:**

- Grading on local roads has been confined to areas where there is sufficient moisture or in close proximity to urban water supplies.
- Rehabilitation has been completed on parts of Shire Road 2, with shoulder grading completed on Shire Road 12.
- Bitumen patching and edge repair has been completed following routine inspections.

**(j) Urban Streets:**

- Bitumen patching of streets and shoulders is in progress following prioritisation of works using REFLECT.
- Kerb and gutter has been constructed in Gordon Street and pavement construction will be completed in conjunction with Dubbo, Aberford and Warrena Streets.
- Grading of unsealed streets is in progress.

**(k) Quarry:**

- Attached pictures are from Thomas Manufacturing, the company fabricating the pre-coater for the quarry. The photos represent the work already completed:
  - Undercarriage of stocker complete
  - Pre coat box complete
  - Main hopper, hopper stand and feed conveyor 50% complete.
- Dust seal was applied to the access road to lower the amount of dust created by trucks and vehicles accessing the site. This problem was identified by the Mines Department Inspector. A final seal can be applied in 2014/2015.

**Recommendation:**

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

**K N BRODBECK**

Director of Engineering Services  
4 March 2014

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014****15.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 003/2014 – R. G. SWANSBOROUGH**

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

*EN2.1 Plan land use strategically and sensitively*

*EN2.1.2 Develop Land Use Strategy*

*EN2.1.3 Continue to review Local Environmental Plan*

**Background:**

Mr Swansborough has submitted a development application for the erection of a dwelling on his land, being Lot 9, DP 263390 on the Back Combara Road, Coonamble. He advised that he purchased the land in 1990 with the intention of building a dwelling for his retirement. He is now looking to do this in light of his pending retirement.

On checking Council's records it would appear that, at the time of purchase, the said land was zoned Rural 1a under the provision of Council's Coonamble Interim Development Order No 1. The development of the site would be permissible under the provisions of the Coonamble Interim Development Order No 1.

Three (3) sheds have been erected on the site and an earth pad has been placed for the erection of the proposed dwelling.

The subject land is presently zoned RU1 (Rural) under the provision of the Coonamble Shire LEP 2011

**Issues:**

At the time of erection of the sheds and pad there was no requirement for approval from Council under the provision of the IDO. Effective from the commencement of the Local Government Act 1993, there was a change to the areas covered by compliance requirements for developments across the Shire area.

This change resulted in the rural area of the Shire having to obtain development and/or building construction approval for certain specified development. The land in question has an area of 40 hectares and would not be deemed to be a parcel that would be capable of being an economically viable agricultural undertaking.

The land in the immediate vicinity of the said allotment is of similar area and contains dwellings with ancillary structures such as sheds, stables and the like. It would appear that this Lot (Lot 9, DP 263390) was one of a number of small lots created from an original parcel in this area.

As the land is presently zoned RU1 under the provision of the Coonamble LEP 2011, the existing lot size would not permit the erection of a dwelling house due to the minimum lot size requirements.

**(i) Objectives of Zone RU1**

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.
- To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.
- To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones

**(ii) Permitted with consent**

Agriculture; air transport facilities; airstrips; animal boarding or training establishments; bed and breakfast accommodation; boat launching ramps; boat sheds; building identification signs; business identification signs; camping grounds; cemeteries; community facilities; correctional centres; depots; dwelling houses; eco-tourist facilities; environmental facilities; environmental protection works; extractive industries; farm buildings; farm stay accommodation; freight transport facilities; heavy industrial storage establishments; heavy industries; helipads; home industries; home occupations (sex services); industrial training facilities; information and education facilities; intensive livestock agriculture; jetties; landscaping material supplies; open cut mining; plant nurseries; recreation areas; recreation facilities (major); recreation facilities (outdoor); research stations; roads; roadside stalls; rural industries; rural workers' dwellings; storage premises; truck depots; veterinary hospitals; water recreation structures; water supply systems

There are a number of lots of similar acreage and with dwellings already erected in the immediate vicinity of the subject land and it would appear that a small lot subdivision was undertaken prior to 1990 for the purpose of rural residential/hobby farm development.

**(iv) Clause 4.2A of the Coonamble LEP 2011 states:**

*4.2A Erection of dwelling houses on land in certain rural and environmental protection zones*

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:
  - (a) to minimise unplanned rural residential development,
  - (b) to enable the replacement of lawfully erected dwelling houses in rural and environmental protection zones.
  
- (2) This clause applies to land in the following zones:
  - (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production.

- (3) Development consent must not be granted for the erection of a dwelling house on land in a zone to which this clause applies, and on which no dwelling house has been erected, unless the land is:
- (a) a lot that is at least the minimum lot size specified for that land by the Lot Size Map, or
  - (b) a lot created before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house was permissible immediately before that commencement, or
  - (c) a lot resulting from a subdivision for which development consent (or equivalent) was granted before this Plan commenced and on which the erection of a dwelling house would have been permissible if the plan of subdivision had been registered before that commencement.

**Note.** A dwelling cannot be erected on a lot created under clause 9 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008 or clause 4.2 of this Plan.

- (4) Despite subclause (3), development consent may be granted for the erection of a dwelling house on land to which this clause applies if:
- (a) there is a lawfully erected dwelling house on the land and the dwelling house to be erected is intended only to replace the existing dwelling house, or
  - (b) the land would have been a lot or a holding referred to in subclause (3) had it not been affected by:
    - (i) a minor realignment of its boundaries that did not create an additional lot, or
    - (ii) a subdivision creating or widening a public road or public reserve or for another public purpose.

In considering the above Council may wish to take into consideration the provision of **Clause 4.6 of the Coonamble LEP 2011**, (Exemptions to development standards) which states-

- (1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:
- (a) to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development,
  - (b) to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.
- (2) Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

(3) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating:

- (a) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and
- (b) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

(4) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:

- (a) the consent authority is satisfied that:
  - (i) the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by sub clause (3), and
  - (ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
- (b) the concurrence of the Director-General has been obtained.

(5) In deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Director-General must consider:

- (a) whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and
- (b) the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and
- (c) any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Director-General before granting concurrence.

(6) Development consent must not be granted under this clause for a subdivision of land in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone E2 Environmental Conservation, Zone E3 Environmental Management or Zone E4 Environmental Living if:

- (a) the subdivision will result in 2 or more lots of less than the minimum area specified for such lots by a development standard, or
- (b) the subdivision will result in at least one lot that is less than 90% of the minimum area specified for such a lot by a development standard.

**Note.** When this Plan was made, it did not include Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone E2 Environmental Conservation, Zone E3 Environmental Management or Zone E4 Environmental Living.

(7) After determining a development application made pursuant to this clause, the consent authority must keep a record of its assessment of the factors required to be addressed in the applicant's written request referred to in sub clause (3).

(8) This clause does not allow development consent to be granted for development that would contravene any of the following:

- (a) a development standard for complying development,
- (b) a development standard that arises, under the regulations under the Act, in connection with a commitment set out in a BASIX certificate for a building to which State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004 applies or for the land on which such a building is situated.

In light of the above, Council will need to determine if there is sufficient argument to support a case for an application for a dwelling development on the said land.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:** Nil

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:**

Council may after due consideration:

- (a) refuse its consent to the application, or
- (b) approve the application subject to conditions; or
- (c) approve the application unconditionally.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council approve Development Application 003/2014 submitted by R W Swansborough to erect a dwelling on land described as Lot 9, DP263390, Back Combara Road, Coonamble, subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. The proponent shall notify Council, not less than forty eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the work of:**
  - i) date of commencement of the work.**
  - ii) name of the principle certifying authority for the issue of compliance/occupation certificates.**
- 2. Where Council is not the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA), the proponent or private certifier shall submit a construction certificate to Council prior to building works commencing on the subject allotment.**
- 3. The building/structure shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.**

**4. All works associated with the implementation/construction of the proposed activity (Not operation of the proposal post occupational certificate), involving electric or pneumatic tools, or other noisy operations, shall be restricted to the following hours of operation:  
Monday to Saturday 7.00am to 7.00pm  
Sunday/Public Holidays No construction work which will adversely impact on the amenity of the area is to take place on Sundays or Public Holidays.**

**Advice: All noise generating activities are subject to the requirements of the protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. This condition of consent does not relieve the proponent including developers, contractors or their agents from the requirements under the relevant noise control legislation (POEO Act 1997).**

**5. Any damage caused to Council's infrastructure including but not limited to footpaths, roads, drainage, Kerb and Gutters, laybacks or other public land shall be restored in accordance with Council's Design Specifications at the full cost to the developer. Where a dispute arises over the person(s) responsible for the damage, Council shall reserve the right to carry out work to remedy such damage(s) at the proponents cost.**

**6. All exterior lighting associated with the development shall be designed and installed so that no obtrusive light will be cast onto any adjoining property and the emittance of light to the night sky will be minimised.**

**7. All roofed and paved areas are to be drained and the water from those areas conveyed:**

**a) by means of a fully sealed downpipes to a distance of at least six (6) metres from the perimeter of the dwelling. The proponent/landowner takes such measures to ensure that no stormwater shall disperse onto adjoining properties. All works is to be to Council's requirement and in accordance with AS/NZS 3500 National Plumbing and Drainage Code and the Plumbing Code of Australia.**

**8. All plumbing, drainage and stormwater work shall be carried out by a licensed person in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 3500 and Plumbing Code of Australia.**

**9. No materials or machinery to be used in the construction of the building shall be stored or stacked on Council's footpath, nature strip, public defined land roadway.**

**10. Prior to occupation of the dwelling an occupation certificate must be issued by the principal certifying authority .**

- 11. That prior to the commencement of construction, the applicant lodge with, and receive approval for the following listed S68 Local Approval/s:**
- C5 – Install, construct or alter a waste treatment device**
  - F10 – Operate onsite sewerage waste management system**

<b>15.2 CARAVAN PARK</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program  
13.4.1 Maintain/improve parks to acceptable standards***

**Background:**

Council, at the February 2014 meeting, requested that a detailed costing be developed to bring the caravan park up to adequate standard in line with current regulations.

**Issues:**

As Council is aware the caravan park requires a significant amount of work to bring it to an acceptable standard and one which will attract the travelling public to use the facility. The caravan park has seen a significant decline in use and Council must determine the priority it places on the upgrade of the area in relation to the potential eco-spa development.

In accordance with the report submitted to the February meeting, the amenities block is substandard, the roadway needs to be reconstructed and sites drained to comply with current legislation.

The following is a list of works and costings that have been identified to address the sub-standard condition of the caravan park and bring the facility up to a standard that will comply with current regulations:

- |                                                  |           |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| • Roadway – resealed and widened                 | \$ 35,000 |                  |
| • Amenities building – demolish/rebuild          | \$315,500 |                  |
| • Extension of water taps to park camping area   | \$ 10,000 |                  |
| • Update signage to all areas                    | \$ 5,500  |                  |
| • Mark and number all sites                      | \$ 9,650  |                  |
| • Barbeque – remove/replace with new unit        | \$ 16,500 |                  |
| • Landscape whole area                           | \$ 20,000 |                  |
| • Hire/purchase ablution unit (while rebuilding) | \$ 40,000 | <b>\$452,150</b> |

Council resolved to accept the grant of \$36,167 and a loan of \$289,340 @ 3.5% repayable over seven years to help fund a new amenities block at the caravan park. The design of the amenities block is yet to be determined, however it will consist of concrete slab, brick walls and colorbond iron roofing and will be approximately 120 square metres in size. The amenities block will comprise the following:

- Mens – 2 toilets, 1 urinal, 3 showers & 3 hand basins
- Womens – 3 toilets, 3 showers & 3 hand basins
- Disabled – 1 toilet & shower
- Laundry – 2 washing machines, 2 dryers & ironing area
- Storage room – linen and park supplies

Council needs to give further consideration to its preferred management option once it determines the standard to which the park will be developed.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005.

**Financial Considerations:**

Refer body of report under “Issues”.

**Options:**

- (1) Approve the above works in a total amount of \$452,150
- (2) Not proceed with any upgrade of the caravan park at this time

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the estimated cost of the works required to upgrade the caravan park and consider the allocation in conjunction with the 2014/2015 budget**

<b>15.3 RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2014</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2.5 Control straying animals***

**STATISTICS:**

<u>Compliance</u>	<u>February 2014</u>	<u>Year to Date 2013/2014 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	11	52
Infringements (Animals)	10	67
Infringements (Other)	1	9
Microchipped dogs	2	12
Registrations	2	17
Nuisance dog declaration	1	5
Dangerous dog declaration	0	4
Restricted dog declaration	0	1
<b><u>Impoundments</u></b>		
Dogs	24	155
Cats	15	79
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>234</b>
Motor vehicle	0	6
<b><i>Breakdown of impoundments:</i></b>		
Dogs destroyed	22	132
Dogs surrendered by owner	19	69
Dogs re-housed	0	19
Dogs released	2	16
Cats destroyed	15	72
Cats re-housed	0	0
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone - dogs impounded	1	3
Quambone - dogs impounded	0	0

**ILLEGAL SIGN**

Action was taken regarding an illegally placed sign on a road blister – which was in contradiction to Council's conditions.

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

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services

4 March 2014

**16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

**16.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE SENIOR  
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC HELD IN THE SENIOR CITIZENS  
HALL, COONAMBLE ON 18 FEBRUARY 2014.**

**Present:** Ken Baker, Peter Mayoh, Gloria Fernando, Siffia Fernando, Jean Shields, Alma Backhouse, Brice O'Brien, John Homer and Lorna O'Brien.

**Apologies:** Nil

**Minutes** read by Lorna O'Brien Sec Alma Backhouse

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills are paid. Treasurer moved his report be accepted and accounts passed for payment.

**Moved:** Bruce O'Brien                      **Seconded:** Siffia Fernando

**Correspondence In:**

- (1) Letter of resignation from Barbara Abrahall.  
**Moved:** Gloria Fernando                      **Seconded:** Peter Mayoh
- (2) Phone bill.
- (3) Letter from Council requesting electricity bills be handed to Council.

**Correspondence Out:**

- (1) Invitations to Koonambil & Home Care – Seniors Luncheon
- (2) Thank You card to Barbara Abrahall.

**General Business:**

- (1) Bruce will see Council regarding assembly point also fire drill
- (2) Suggestions for Seniors Week
- (3) New clipboard purchased for the sole purpose of retaining all receipt
- (4) Bruce will see Council regarding repairs to air conditioning.

**Seniors Week:**

Monday      11am-12pm Quiz, followed by luncheon 12 noon  
 Tuesday     11am            Bingo  
 Thursday    Craft Show – All members to bring something they have made

A nomination has been made to fill Barbara Abrahall's position.

Meeting closed at 2 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary – L O'Brien      18/2/2014

**16.2 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2013.**

**Minute taker:** Kodie Ireland, Christine Blattman

**Apologies:** Josh Fernando, Tray Blattman, Adam Roworth, Brenda Neilan, Malarney Murray

**Present:** Lianne Tasker, Kodie Ireland, Christine Blattman, Shanaye Kennedy, Riley Fernando, Grant Millgate, Danzel Ryan, Bradley McEwen, Samuel Knight, Dwayne Hammond, Ty Weldon, Robert Weldon, Mr Bob Townsend.

**Meeting Opened: 1.15pm**

**1. Introductions – Round Table**

Everyone introduced themselves. Lianne welcomed new group members from Gulargambone and explained the purpose of the Youth Council and the group rules.

**2. Group activity**

Group played a warm up game based on their musical tastes.

**3. Acknowledgement of Country– by Chairperson, Riley Fernando**

**4. Minutes of previous meeting**

Lianne explained the purpose of Meeting Minutes.

Action – Change Denzel to Danzel

Moved as true and correct by Danzel. Seconded by Elvy.

**5. Business arising from last minutes**

Youth council representative – no event planning sheet.

Action: Josh to provide planning sheet at next meeting

**6. Correspondence – nil**

**7. Bang the Table**

Lianne showed pictures of chosen Inflatable water slide and poster for first event. Group brainstormed type of activities and prizes for the Fun Day at the Pool event. Voted to change lunchtime BBQ to an afternoon/dinner BBQ – 10/0 (Motion carried).

Activities suggested: Trivia, football, water polo, relay races, fly, obstacle course, apple peeler, cricket, music, tea/coffee/milo, face painting.

Prizes to have at the pool: Footballs, shirts, jumpers, hoodies, hats, cricket bat.

Action: Josh & Kodie to develop plan of activities for the day.

**8. Logo for 'Bang the Table' project.**

Group talked about the purpose of a Logo and how it would be used for the Bang the Table events. Group split up and created their own design ideas. Majority of designs included:

- Someone banging something
- Hammer banging table
- The word "bang"

Action: Use the designs to create some logo options – Lianne to provide at next meeting.

**9. Youth Council Shirts**

Shirts were handed out to the new members.

**10. Library Activity**

Group visited the Library, most of the group had not been to the Coonamble Library before. Lianne explained the activities that happen in the Library. The group designed their ideal library space using a blank Library floorplan sheet.

Action: Lianne to include the design ideas when looking at developing the Library space.

**11. General Business –**

Next year: Coonamble High School is providing the dates that will suit them for meetings next year. This will be given to Mr Townsend to make sure they suit Gulargambone School. There will be two meetings per term.

Riley & Lianne thanked everyone for coming.

**Meeting Closed: 3:15pm**

**Next Meeting: TBA**

**16.3 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014.**

**Minute taker:** Kodie Ireland, Christine Blattman

**Apologies:** Brenda Neilan, Malarney Murray, Shanaye Kennedy, Riley Fernando, Ty Weldon

**Present:** Lianne Tasker, Kodie Ireland, Tray Blattman, Adam Roworth, Christine Blattman, Tobiana Glasson, Emily Hardwick, Angie O'Connor, Markita Thurston, Emily Stork, Tiffany Hardwick, Peppah McMullen, Kylah Astill, Taylee Milgate, Lucy Buckley, Dakota Heiken, Killara, Grant Millgate, Danzel Ryan, Bradley McEwen, Samuel Knight, Dwayne Hammond, Robert Weldon, Mr Bob Townsend, Elvy, Bianca Birks, Ruth Cardier.

**Meeting Opened: 1.20pm**

1. **Acknowledgement of Country**– by Chairperson, Tray Blattman

2. **Terms of reference**

- Lianne explained the Terms of reference and the purpose of a 355 committee.

3. **Introductions – Round Table**

- Everyone introduced themselves.
- Lianne welcomed new group members from Coonamble High and explained the purpose of the Youth Council and the group rules.
- **Group activity - Icebreaker** – “who is who” game.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting**

- Lianne explained the purpose of Meeting Minutes.
- Read by Christine Blattman

Moved as true and correct by Elvy. Seconded by Grant.

5. **Business arising from last minutes – nil**

6. **Correspondence**

- Lianne sent an email to other organisations asking about their involvement in Youth Week.

## **7. General Business**

- Bianca Birks from Mission Australia explained a program called “Youth Connections” and how it helps young people. Ruth Cardier from Mission Australia introduced herself and explained her work.
- Mission would like to be involved in Youth Week and Bianca asked the group for suggestions. It was decided a football day with a BBQ, skills training and a game on the Wednesday of Youth Week.

## **8. Bang the Table**

- Lianne explained the “Bang the Table” project is for the new members.
- Talked about the next event at the Lightning Ridge pool.

## **9. Chose Logo**

The group voted on the logo they want to use for the Bang the Table project.

## **10. Youth Week**

- Lianne talked about the Youth Week Awards the Youth Council have been involved with.
- The group went through the draft program and discussed the activities.
- Discussed and agreed to adding hip hop to the big day out.
- Research some less popular x-factor and the voice runner ups to see if they could perform.
- Volunteers to help organise the Youth Week activities:

Boss for a day, your voice your choice, music trivia (Tue).

- Dakota, Kylah, Killara, Emily, Peppah, Tiffany (Questions).
- Danzel, Elvy, Emily, Peppah, Kylah, Dakota, Killara (Prizes).
- Peppah, Kodie (Research)

Football day (mixed teams) ½ skills, ½ game. (Wed).

- Crafts for the younger kids.

Big Day Out – Lightning Ridge (Thu).

- Alternative for other who can't make it to the ridge, 20/20 cricket.
- Minute to win it.
  - o Emily, Killara, Kylah, Peppah, Dakota, Angie, Tiffany, Danzel (make up Questions)

**Action: update Youth Week program – Lianne, Research potential performers for next meeting - Kodie**

### **11. Community Awareness activity**

- “Wheel of Feel” activity asking questions about living in the community (results attached)
- Group discussed results and then split into groups to brainstorm the different areas of concern for young people. The groups feedback their ideas.

### **12. Other Business**

- Lianne told the group that a Youth Council rep had been invited to the Youth Interagency. Tray was nominated by Dakota and agreed to go.
- AGM (Annual General Meeting). Lianne explained what happens at an AGM and Tray explained the roles of the executive committee.

Tray thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**Meeting Closed: 3:15pm**

**Meeting: 26/03/14**

**16.4 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT  
CIRCLE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2014 COMMENCING 11AM**

**Present:** Mark Noonan (APM), David Floyd (Youth Express), Bianca Birks (Mission Aust), Robbie Olson (PMC formerly FAHCSIA), Kate Keizer (CNC), Ruth Cardier (MA), Deon Allen (NCAP), Cr John Walker (CSC), Lee O'Connor (CSC), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Duncan Lovelock (CHS), Priscilla Harvey (CHS), Trish Butler (Joblink) Kristie Pearson (CHS)

**Apologies:** Jim Quinn (CRS), Ian Stanford (APM), Mark Merchant (PMC), Steve Hodder (Verto)

**Acronyms:** see end of document

**Chair:** Kate Keizer. **Notes:** Lee O'Connor

### **1. Staff Changes**

- APM – Maddison working at Caltex. New Jessica Thei, Employment Consultant. Third week in role.
- Mission Aust. – new Youth Connections worker John (Tiny) Lewis and Ruth Cardier is new Family Worker.
- Sureway – not known.
- Joblink – Melissa Baker left. Trish is still there.
- CSC Community Development Officer recruitment underway. Josh Fernando is now with Public School.
- TAFE - Carol Trapman is new HT for Foundation Studies for NW. Shane is now HT Education Support but will continue to attend CEC.
- Elisha Bailey now PMC – Mark Merchant based in Orange.
- BEC Darren Smith is no longer Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer.
- RDA Orana Sarah Stanford is now RDA Orana Project Officer replacing Kristina Higham.
- CHS Duncan Lovelock is new Deputy Principal. Kristie Pearson is Senior Leader Community Engagement under the Connected Communities Program

### **2. Business Information Evening/breakfast**

Proposed for May. Breakfast option worth a try. Presenting agencies could also visit the school while in town.

Aim is for businesses/employers to understand what each agency offers in terms of training and employment support. Focus on working with Chamber members and other local employers, what CEC agencies can do for them. Sub-group to organise.

\$1000.08 left from Jobs & Skills Expo. (1c per month interest). In previous years, groups presenting contributed to cost of promotion and catering.

**ACTION: Kate to look for some funding.  
CEC members to consider contribution.  
Sub-group to meet Tues 18 March, 11am, Global Village  
[Priscilla (CHS), Kate (CNC), Trish (Joblink), David Floyd,  
Shane K (TAFE). Lee (CSC) + possible Chamber rep TBA.]**

### 3. Rural Skills Update

Two aspects – (1) what CHS and Adam Macrae are doing in partnership with Coonamble Shire Council at The Common. (2) What to do with people who've left school and how to link them with the ag sector.

CHS is looking for mentor to work with the young people and Adam. David has referred some possible funding sources to Adam ie. Primary Industries Education Foundation + Tocal, Royal Ag Society.

**ACTION: David to follow up with Adam.**

Opportunity Hubs – 12 month trial in Dubbo. Not applicable to Coonamble until trial completed.

ICYP – also offered by Centacare. CHS has an established relationship with WSC for this program.

### 4. Driver Licensing

1. Orana Learner Driver program starts this Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> march. JSAs are referring. Bianca has some possible clients but they are not listed with JSA – some would be considered at risk. **Bianca to meet with a JSA.** Birrang are co-ordinating and will help work through other barriers such as fine debt. Not just focussed on young people. Aims to get participants through licence exam to Learners Permit.
2. Coonamble RTC 'In Gear' – RTC have funds from NRMA to recruit and train volunteer mentors. Birrang assisting with training. RTC will co-ordinate and manage. They are currently looking for funding for a dual-control vehicle. **See project summary attached.** John Walker advised of retired truck drivers who would make good mentors. Ask Sandra to talk to John W for names of potential mentors. Possibility for future transport service for older people no longer confident to drive. Mentors will need working with children check.
3. Sharlie Ovarim (Previously with Transport NSW) is now operating a private driver licensing program. Kate has information.
4. Driving School through Skillset in Dubbo - \$140 3 hr class, need to have L plates and 50+ hours already. Have a car for Dubbo to start then plan to service other areas. NB: Birrang have a similar service.

Discussion on related issues:

- Work Development Order (WDO) – check registered organisations for Coonamble. Mission is listed for Coonamble. Needs to be a not for profit. Administered by Attorney General's Dept.
- MPREC had a dual control vehicle in AIT centre in Coonamble. Deon to make inquiries about where the car is and whether RTC could use it.
- Discussion re willingness of local community to volunteer/mentor.

- Discussion re assisting adults to get their licences so they can eventually supervise younger generation. Eg. 40 year olds whose main barrier to employment is lack of licence. For over 25 years, there is no logbook hour component if they hold a Learner's Permit for 3 months and are assessed as competent.

## 5. Supporting Self Employment

- Natalie Young – Many Rivers Microfinance. Attended Coonamble Chamber of Commerce meeting on 11 March. Has indicated she is willing to service Coonamble area. She is based in Moree. **See information and contact details distributed earlier today.**
- Business Enterprise Centre – Ross McCarthy is SmallBiz Connect. Visits Coonamble regularly to provide advice to business start-ups and expansions.
- BEC also has Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer – currently recruiting to fill this position.

## 6. General Business

- Interagency Association meets 10am, Bowling Club, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. Kate distributes minutes and will promote any relevant activities through her vast network.

- Youth Interagency follows the general I/A meetings. Chaired by Jo Ellis, MacKillop Rural Community Services.

- VTEC (Vocational Training & Education Centres) – new federal government program through Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet has invited organisations to EOI for vocational education and training centres to operate in 13 labour market regions including western NSW. Program is for ATSI people to set up programs to target jobs through Covenant 21. Involves engaging with community and Indigenous organisations to generate opportunities for work. Interact with employers to have a suite of guaranteed jobs, through tailored training. It is a pre-employment program. Tasked with liaising with LGAs, JSAs etc. VTEC can operate across employment service areas. Possible start date 1 July.

- TAFE – currently transitioning to accommodate 'smart and skilled' reforms from 1 Jan next year. People who are seeking training will be eligible to choose and buy training. I.e. the student comes with the \$, similar to a voucher system. Will be a much more competitive market next year.

- DEEWR and FAHCSIA are now Prime Minister and Cabinet so all Indigenous programs will be managed out of the ICC in Dubbo. Still working out a new structure for Dubbo office in terms of what sort of engagement and program support will be available. Staff increasing from 13 to 30 so should see benefits to the region.

- Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – Community Consultation held to discuss the local decision-making model. Importance of governance structure ie Community Working Party. There will be a report outlining the benefits to community and changes to representation. Local CWP meetings are to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. CWP initiated the Men's Group and are currently re-establishing it. Contact is BJ Harris. Misconception that attendance was invitation only. CWP is open to people attending.

**ACTION: Lee to add Jan Arrowsmith as a CWP contact.  
Invite Ted Fernando to come to a CEC meeting to talk about CWP and their role and achievements.  
Suggest to Sandra to approach Men's Group for possible driving mentors.**

- CDEP closure – Trish is finding it very frustrating. Difficulty finding things for participants to do, especially women. Current CDEP arrangements to be wound up end June?? CDEP is now responsibility of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

**ACTION: Invite Chris Scales to come and speak to CEC. Invite CWP members to attend.**

- Joblink are about to start a horticulture/agriculture course. Will hopefully have 12 people with min cert2 in horticulture by Sept. Held at AIT training centre.

- Centrelink – changes to management.

**ACTION: Invite Tracy Burns and/or Michael Sharpley (Manager of Walgett Office) to attend CEC to discuss referral and liaison processes. Trish to send contact details.**

**7. NEXT MEETING: Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April, 11am. CSC Committee Room**

SUB-GROUP RE EMPLOYER INFO BREAKFAST: TUE 18 MARCH, 11AM, GLOBAL VILLAGE CAFÉ.

[Lee to do a meeting request rather than email.]

**Acronyms:**

APM = Australian Personnel Management  
 AIT = Australian Integrated Training  
 BEC = Business Enterprise Centre  
 CDEP = Community Development Employment Program  
 CHS = Coonamble High School  
 CNC = Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre  
 CRS = Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service  
 CSC = Coonamble Shire Council  
 CWP = Community Working Party  
 EIEIO = Just Checking to See if You're Paying Attention  
 MPREC = Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation  
 NCAP = New Careers for Aboriginal People  
 PMC = Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet  
 RTC = Rural Transaction Centre (26 Castlereagh Street Coonamble)  
 WSC = Western Student Connections

**17. REPORT BY SALEYARD MANAGER  
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

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

**17.1 SALES**

**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle	Total Amount (\$)
05/12/13	Fat	2421	15,817.40	318	1,272	2744	17,089.40
09/12/13	Private Weigh	95	380.00			95	380.00
30/12/13	Private Weigh	120	480.00			120	480.00
17/01/14	Fat	1168	7,594.20	119	476.00	1287	8,069.40
05/02/14	Private Weigh	29	116.00			29	116.00
06/02/14	Private Weigh	98	392.00			98	392.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3931</b>	<b>24,779.60</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>4373</b>	<b>26,526.80</b>

<b>TOTALS:</b>	Scale	3589 head	\$23,411.60
	VA	437 head	\$ 1,748.00
	Private Weigh	342 head	\$ 1,368.00
	NLIS Tag income		\$ 320.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,848.00</b>

**17.1 WORKS UPDATE:**

- The saleyards undertook its annual National Saleyard Quality Assurance accreditation on 16-17/01/2014
- Scales had annual certification testing
- Quotes being sought for new compressor.

**17.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT**

Period to 28 February 2014	Income	\$123,627.33
	Expenditure	\$131,490.07
	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$ 7,862.74)</b>

**Recommendation:**  
That the information contained in the report be noted.

**AMANDA GLASSON**  
Manager – Saleyards & Facilities  
28 February 2014

**18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**

**NIL**

**19. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2014**