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The next ordinary meeting of COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE on WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2014 commencing 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

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## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 2014**

### **7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.01 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 A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins 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**

The General Manager informed the Mayor that the President of the Rodeo and Campdraft Committee requested to address the meeting.

The following organisations have also made arrangements to attend today's meeting:

- 09.30 a.m. Gulargambone Historical Society – Mrs Doreen Best and Mrs Nancy Byrnes.
- 09.45 a.m. Gulargambone War Memorial and Mechanics Institute Hall Committee – Mrs Beryl O'Brien and Mrs Dianne Collins.
- 10.00 a.m. Twoeighttwoeight – Mrs Angela O'Brien.

#### **4.0 APOLOGIES**

**0892 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that apologies for late arrival be accepted from Crs Keady and Schieb.

#### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS**

The General Manager reported to the meeting that Mrs Doreen Best and Mrs Barbara O'Brien were both awarded Order of Australia Medals (OAM) for their service to community in the recently announced Queen's Birthday Honours.

**0893 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to both Mrs Best and Mrs O'Brien on their recent awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

#### **5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No deputations were booked for this meeting.

## 6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

**0894 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 May 2014 be confirmed.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

#### **(i) Coonamble Airport – Mr David Chadwick**

Cr Burnheim referred to an email recently received from Mr Chadwick indicating that on the day the NOTAM was issued, no mowing was carried out at the Airport. The General Manager said he had also received a copy of the email and photo, however he drew Council's attention to the date on the photo which did not coincide with the date of the NOTAM. Mr. Warren said work has been carried out at the Airport, however other open spaces and park areas require attention and staff are required to attend to those areas on a rotational basis.

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services said he is looking at additional equipment (mowers) which are different types, with a larger cut and more horsepower.

The Mayor suggested that the meeting with airport users be convened as a priority to discuss issues that are of concern and ascertain a program of maintenance.

#### **(ii) Skate Park**

In response to a question the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said the skate park is operational and is being monitored regularly by staff.

#### **(iii) Sunpower**

Cr Burnheim referred to his contact with this Company regarding solar panels. The General Manager informed the meeting that Council has not received a response to its enquiry to date. Mr. Warren said Council's electricity contract through OROC has about 12 months to run. He said a recent audit of street lights has been carried out and there is the potential for an increase in these charges. In response to a suggestion for LEDs the General Manager said that Essential Energy does not accept this type of lighting – if they are installed Council is responsible for maintenance.

Cr. Schieb arrived at the meeting at 9.25 a.m.

## 8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

**0895 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**Business Arising from the Resolution Book Update:****(i) Caravan Park+Eco Spa Stage 2 Investment Ready**

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim regarding this item, the Mayor advised that contact has been made with Mr Kevin Humphries and this matter is now in the final stages and advice will be forthcoming to Council shortly.

**(ii) Bus Shelters**

The General Manager informed the meeting that no announcement regarding allocation of funding has yet been made. In response to a question from the Mayor, Mr Warren said it is the State Government Department of Transport which is responsible for this funding.

**(iii) Thara Road**

Cr Cullen asked whether there has been any further progress made with the Thara Road issue – the Manager of Environmental Services said the matter is still with Council's solicitor.

**(iv) Airport**

It was noted that this matter was discussed earlier and that the meeting with Airport users will be convened as a priority and a Plan of Management developed. Cr Schieb drew attention to the entrance to the Airport and surrounds, particularly around the terminal, which is very untidy – he suggested that the areas be cross-mowed.

**(v) Trees for Railway Street**

The General Manager said that to accommodate the trees to be planted in Railway Street, Council will use 'root management systems' which are about 4 ft deep and allow the roots to go through the road base. He reported that the nursery has ordered the trees which will be available in approximately one month.

**Gulargambone Historical Society**

At this juncture, 9.30 a.m., Mrs Best and Mrs Byrne arrived at the meeting in company with Council's Grants and Events Officer.

The Mayor invited Mrs. Best to address Council – she referred to the book the Gulargambone Historical Society wishes to publish and said the quote from Dubbo Printing Works is \$26,527.60 for a print of 500 copies. Mrs Best said the Society has \$17,000, leaving a shortfall of \$9,000 – however the Gulargambone Lions Club has agreed to contribute towards the cost but has not indicated an amount.

Mrs. Best said the book will be titled *Gulargambone - As It Was (The History of the Village 1866 – 2013)* and referred to the wealth of information therein, pointing out that research has taken many years. She said application will be made for a Cultural Grant from the Royal Australian Historical Society. Mrs Best said that in the application the Society must detail other funding which has been acquired and pointed out that applications close on 23 June 2014.

The Historical Society representatives presented a sample of eight stories from the manuscript for Council's Archives, together with the list of acknowledgements and the Bibliography indicating the extent of research. Mrs Best informed the meeting that the Society hopes to quickly sell the first print and those funds will allow further copies to be printed.

Cr Webb requested that Urgent Business – Item 11.11 – be brought forward so the matter could be dealt with.

#### **URGENT BUSINESS – ITEM 11.11 - SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**0896 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following item be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

#### **11.11 GULARGAMBONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY D7**

**0897 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council contribute \$4,000 to the Gulargambone Historical Society from its Development Fund to assist with initial printing costs of the book *Gulargambone – As It Was*.

Mrs Best and Mrs Byrne thanked the Council for its generosity and left the meeting at 9.38 a.m.

#### **Gulargambone Memorial Hall Representatives**

At this juncture, Mrs Beryl Ryan and Mrs Dianne Collins were present to discuss the Gulargambone Memorial Hall Committee's submission to provide library services at Gulargambone. Mrs Ryan was the spokesperson and was supported by Mrs Doreen Best who returned to the meeting.

Mrs Ryan thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and said the Committee would like to carry out works at the hall to make it a more user-friendly venue for meetings and other activities. Mrs Ryan said the premises is not air conditioned, the acoustics need to be addressed, curtains for the stage are required – she said this is an expensive item as they have to be fire retardant and finally, the toilets need to be upgraded.

Mrs Ryan said the money for providing the library service would go towards some of these works, which the Committee cannot do without extra income. She said in its current state the hall is not adequate for many functions and events that may, otherwise, be held there. Mrs Ryan referred to recent work carried out at Curban hall and said members of the Committee will carry out an inspection to ascertain if something similar can be done with the Gulargambone hall to improve acoustics.

The Mayor informed Mrs Ryan that Council would consider the matter in Closed Session later in the day. At this juncture, 9.45 a.m, Mrs Ryan left the meeting.

#### **9.0 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**0898 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the Mayoral Minute be received and dealt with.

Cr Burnheim referred to recent advice that the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) would be reduced in NSW and asked whether the matter should be discussed at this point. The General Manager said Item 11.7 of Correspondence dealt with the matter.

### **9.1 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS**

**0899 RESOLVED** by Cr Karanouh that the information contained in the Mayoral Minute relative to issues dealt with at the OROC Board Meeting on 23 May 2014, be noted.

### **9.2 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Burnheim that Council write to the Attorney General, Senator The Hon George Brandis, opposing the proposed changes to the Racial Discrimination Act.

### **AN AMENDMENT**

**0900 PROPOSED** by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council take no action in this matter until more information is provided.

On being put to the vote, the AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED (4 votes/3 votes) and on becoming the motion was carried.

### **10.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

The Mayor did not submit an activities report for the May/June period.

### **11.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**0901 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Walker and Schieb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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

#### **11.1 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT C13**

**0902 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council not increase the annual fees paid to Councillors and the Mayor and they remain at \$9,205 for Councillors, with an additional \$15,650 to the Mayor, for the 2014/2015 financial year.

### **Section B – Matters for Information Only:**

#### **11.2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS T2(43438)**

Acknowledging and thanking Council for its submission to the discussion paper for the Government's \$100 million Mobile Coverage Program and saying they are being considered as the design of the program is being finalized. Saying the Government has decided to conduct an integrated competitive selection process across the two components.

Pointing out the Government has directed the Department of Communications to give all regional councils containing area eligible for funding under the program the opportunity to notify the Government of any locations within the Council area where

Council may be prepared to co-contribute funding, or resources, towards the construction of a base station at a particular location under the program.

Council noted the General Manager's comments that the cost of providing communication infrastructure is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. The General Manager stated that Council is currently requesting information of 'black spot' locations with the intention of providing the information to the Department of Communications, when received.

At this juncture, 9.55 a.m., Mr Len Scott and Mr Peter Kennedy arrived at the meeting.

### **11.3 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION G5(43500)**

Letter from the President of the Association saying she is writing to every council across Australia, asking them to join ALGA's call to have the Government restore the indexation of the local government Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) which has been frozen for three years until 2017/18. Stating the best way to do this would be by local mayors and shire presidents writing to their Federal Government representatives, highlighting the implications of the decision and asking Coalition representatives whether they continue to support the decision.

Hoping that many Federal Government members recognize the severe impact on their communities and support a review of the Government's decision.

### **11.4 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL L8(43509)**

Referring to Council's letter regarding its preparedness to make an interest free loan of \$50,000 available to the County Council to provide short term finance to fund its restructuring proposal. Advising all five constituent councils have agreed to make loans of \$50,000 available, repayable over a period of up to three years. Enclosing an invoice for this Council's contribution and saying as the restructure process involves terminating a number of staff by 31 May 2014, Council's urgent response would be appreciated.

### **11.5 TRANSPORT FOR NSW G5-9(43403)**

Advising that Council's application for funding of \$8,465 (excluding GST) for the Youth Wheels transport initiative in the Central West region has been successful. Saying it is greatly encouraged that Coonamble Shire Council shares the NSW Government's interest in improving transport services in the Central West for disadvantaged people.

### **11.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(43400)**

Advising Local Government Week will be held from 4 – 10 August 2014 and will be launched by the President of Local Government NSW at the Awards Evening on 7 August at 6.30 p.m. Referring to the RH Dougherty Award and saying the deadline for entry is Friday 13 June at 5 p.m.

### **11.7 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION**

Referring to the Financial Assistance Grants and the 2014-15 budget announcement. Saying it should be noted that the 2014-15 Federal Budget, which was handed down on Tuesday 13 May 2014 provides for NO advance payment. Stating that because

the general purpose component of the grants is allocated amongst the States on a population basis and the NSW population is not growing at the same level as other states, means that the NSW share of the grant will decrease, however NSW will continue to receive its 29% fixed share of the local roads component.

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim the Director of Corporate and Urban Services advised that this decision will have an impact on the budget for Council if the grants are not increased. He estimated a shortfall of \$50,000. The General Manager said the amount of Council's allocation is yet to be determined and will be provided to Council when available.

### **11.8 TRANSPORT FOR NSW C8-15-5(43379)**

Thanking Council for the *Orana Driver Licence Pilot Program* proposal seeking funding to help remove barriers to driver licensing access for disadvantaged members of the community. Stating Transport for NSW proposes to support the Pilot Program on a trial basis and the Centre for Road Safety will contact Council shortly.

**0903 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the information contained in Item Nos. 11.2 to 11.8 be noted.

### **Twoeighttwoeight**

At this juncture, 10.00 a.m., Mrs Angela O'Brien was received to the meeting to discuss the submission to provide library services at Gulargambone from Twoeighttwoeight.

Mrs O'Brien said if her organisation did not get the additional funding for providing the library service, five people presently employed at Twoeighttwoeight would lose their jobs. She said that, although not fully supported by the local community, Twoeighttwoeight is making a difference and referred to its achievements with indigenous young people. Mrs O'Brien said work experience is provided to students from Coonamble and Gilgandra High Schools.

She referred to Brandon Hammond who was offered a school based traineeship – saying he is still with the organisation and has recently taken an additional job at the Gulargambone Bowling Club. Mrs O'Brien referred to the recent closure of the Antique Shop and Burgers on Bourbah and said with such negative changes, it is even more important for Twoeighttwoeight to maintain its present status. She thanked Council for its time and left the meeting at 10.05 a.m.

### **Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Committee Representatives**

The Mayor invited Messrs Scott and Kennedy to address the meeting. Mr. Scott said that the rodeo and campdraft event was very successful and he wanted to convey thanks to Council, management and staff for their assistance prior to and during the event. He mentioned that Council's decision to waive the hire fee for the ground was a huge benefit.

Mr Scott raised the issue of holding another event during the October long weekend and asked whether the ground would be available, noting that the annual greyhound racing carnival is also conducted during that time. The Mayor suggested

that he should discuss the idea with the Greyhound Club representatives. Cr Cullen said that a proposal should be brought back to Council following consultation with representatives of the Greyhound Racing Club and the Pony Club.

Mr Kennedy said that the suggestion of another rodeo and campdraft event in October is only an idea as no approach has yet been made to ABCRA for a date. He said the main purpose of attending the meeting was to thank Council for all its support. Cr Walker congratulated Mr Scott and Mr Kennedy on the success of the rodeo and they left the meeting at 10.13 a.m.

#### **URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**0904 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following items be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

#### **11.9 KEEP NSW BEAUTIFUL K1(43539)**

**0905 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council agree to become a member of Keep NSW Beautiful, noting that membership for the forthcoming financial year is \$550 (includes GST).

#### **11.10 CENTRAL NSW COUNCILS (CENTROC) R8-14(43541)**

**0906 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council provide a letter of support to the Minister for Roads and Ports to bring the Bells Line of Expressway to a standard to accommodate high mass vehicles as requested by CENTROC.

#### **11.11 GULARGAMBONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY D7**

Council noted this matter had been dealt with earlier in the day when representatives of the Society were in attendance.

#### **11.12 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL E1(43570)**

**0907 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council note the information regarding the Connected Communities Reference Group and the fact that there are State-wide terms of reference which dictate membership and role.

#### **12.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**0908 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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

**0909 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note Development Application No 003/2014 has been approved under delegated authority since last meeting and no Complying Development Applications were approved during that time.

**12.2 RETURNS DISCLOSING PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**0910 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Councillors note the information and submit their Pecuniary Interest Declarations to the General Manager by the closing date of 31 July 2014, noting forms will be forwarded to Councillors shortly.

**12.3 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY – 2014/2015**

**0911 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that Council formally adopt the Policy for Councillors' Expenses and Facilities 2014/2015, noting that the documentation was on public exhibition for the prescribed period and no submissions were received.

**12.4 POLICY – INTERACTION BETWEEN STAFF & COUNCILLORS**

**0912 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council adopt the policy presented to the meeting relating to the "Provision of Information to & Interaction between Councillors and Staff".

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said that a lot of this policy's content is already covered in Council's Code of Conduct.

**12.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**0913 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in the report by the Economic Development Manager be noted.

Cr Cullen informed the meeting that he attended the meeting in Dubbo recently regarding the Melbourne – Brisbane Inland Rail and was advised to arrange a submission from Council to have the line moved closer to Coonamble.

Cr Schieb requested that Council be more fully advised of results achieved by the Economic Development department. The Mayor said the Manager has been working on various projects which are long term and results on a monthly basis do not change.

Cr Burnheim agreed with Cr Schieb and also referred to the Community Services report – the General Manager asked what Council wanted – noting the community services department provides a progress report bi-monthly. It was agreed that more detail and movement on issues be provided. Cr Schieb also suggested that more information be provided to the local press.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**0914 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 MULTICULTURAL POLICIES & SERVICES PROGRAM**

**0915 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council endorse the Multiculturalism Policy and Multicultural Policies and Services Plan and place the documents on public exhibition for the prescribed period, inviting submissions, prior to formally adopting the policy and plan, taking into consideration any submissions received.

The Director of Community Services said she is happy to supply a progress report to Council every month, if so desired.

At this juncture, 10.38 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.00 a.m.

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

**0916 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

#### **14.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**0917 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 May 2014 be noted.

#### **14.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**0918 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the list of investments as 31 May 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.

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services informed Council that the sale of land for overdue rates would be held on Tuesday 24 June 2014. He said it had been advertised and will continue to be up to the date.

The Director said that the June 2014 review would be submitted to the August meeting when Council can determine any changes to its reserves.

#### **14.3 BILL DELANEY PARK – ELECTRIC BARBEQUES**

**0919 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that the Director bring a further report to the July meeting, which details prices of new barbeques suitable for location at the Gulargambone pool and main street area and both gas and electric options be included.

#### **14.4 COONAMBLE POOL – CONDITION REPORT**

**0920 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council allocate the necessary funding required for the preparation of a Master Plan for the Coonamble Pool, estimated at \$8,000 (GST exclusive), from the operational surplus as at the March review.

Cr. Burnheim requested that ongoing maintenance for the pool be implemented in the Master Plan. The Director advised that heating and enclosing the 25 metre pool is being considered. Cr Burnheim said a lot of heated pools are being closed because they are not viable however he could see value in extending the swimming season.

At this juncture, 11.10 a.m., Cr Keady arrived at the meeting.

**14.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0921 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in this section of the report be noted

**15.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**0922 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**0923 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

In response to a question, the A/Director of Engineering Services advised that Nash Street has not been included in this round of street maintenance because it requires significantly more work, as this would be a reconstruction job, not a simple reseal.

**(i) Location of Borrow Pits – Crown Lands**

**0924 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council agree to the two borrow pits for the Coonamble levee upgrade being located on the Warrena Weir Recreation Reserve.

**16.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**0925 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**16.1 HERITAGE ADVISOR**

**0926 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council call for expressions of interest for a qualified person to fill the role of Heritage Advisor and, if no suitable applicants apply, Council finalise the Local Heritage Fund.

**16.2 CARAVAN PARK – AMENITIES BLOCK**

The Manager of Environmental Services said he has spoken to the managers of the caravan park and requested that the area be cleaned up and the presentation of the facility be improved.

Regarding the new amenities block, the Manager said he is currently drawing up plans, tenders will be called mid-July with building works commencing late July. It was noted that tenders received will be referred to Council for determination.

**0927 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information in this item be noted.

**16.3 RANGER'S REPORT – MAY 2014**

**0928 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report by the Ranger for the month of May 2014 be noted.

**17.0 ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**0929 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council proceed to adopt the Operational Plan as follows:

**17.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The General Manager informed the meeting that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period.

**0930 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that in accordance with Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the Operational Plan, noting that no submissions were received and noting that the Operational Plan was advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May 2014.

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

**17.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES**

**0932 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council adopt the making and levying of rates and charges as follows:

**(a) Ordinary Rates**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2014 to 30/6/2015 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May 2014 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be made and levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$	Minimum (S548)
Ordinary	1.20	400.00
Farmland	0.403	330.00
Small Rural Holdings	0.685	445.00
Rural Residential	0.644	400.00
Business	2.1	460.00

**(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2014 to 30/6/2015 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 23 and 30 April and 7 May 2014 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

**(i) Water:**

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$)	Usage Charge 1 <sup>st</sup> Tier (c/kl)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	170.00	55	370	0.90
Gulargambone	236.00	70	430	1.10
Quambone	237.00	70	430	1.10

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm metre)	170.00	236.00	237.00
Access charge (25mm metre)	267.00	371.00	372.00
Access charge (40mm metre)	680.00	944.00	948.00
Access charge (50mm metre)	1,063.00	1,475.00	1,481.00
Access charge (75mm metre)	2,390.00	3,318.00	3,332.00
Access charge (80mm metre)	2,720.00	3,776.00	3,792.00
Access charge (100mm metre)	4,250.00	5,900.00	5,925.00

**(ii) Sewer:**

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

**Residential:**

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge (\$)
Coonamble	465.00
Gulargambone	640.00
Coonamble - Flats	390.00
Gulargambone – Flats	535.00

**Non-Residential:**

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

Coonamble	\$465.00 and
Gulargambone	\$640.00

Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

**Treatment Charge – per kilolitre:**

Coonamble	85 cents/kl
Gulargambone	.101 cents/kl

**(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2014 to 30/6/2015 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May 2014 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2014 to 30 June, 2015 as follows:

Coonamble	\$280.00
Gulargambone	\$365.00
Quambone	\$315.00
Vacant Land	\$ 48.00

**Commercial Waste Management Charge:**

Coonamble	\$280/service
Gulargambone	\$365/service
Quambone	\$315/service

**(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges**

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set as per the Determination of the Minister for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June, 2015 @ 8.5%.

**(e) Fees and Charges:**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2014 to 30/6/2015 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May 2014 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received regarding making of the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

**17.3 ADOPTION OF 2014/2015 ESTIMATES**

**0933 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 15 April 2014 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May 2014, details of which are as follows:

Details	Expenditure	Income
Administration	9,056,828	12,073,335
Public Order & Safety	332,720	70,800
Health	360,000	17,060
Environment	1,015,015	488,600
Community Services & Education	124,721	54,900
Housing & Community Amenities	265,855	180,600
Water Supplies	1,123,862	1,226,555
Sewerage Services	1,058,210	887,850
Recreation & Culture	1,593,282	98,100
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	1,776,600	1,796,000
Transport and Communication	7,697,814	5,348,740
Economic Services	777,752	390,580
Capital – General	9,193,169	7,999,100
Capital – Water	329,200	-
Capital – Sewerage	407,220	254,380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,112,248</b>	<b>30,886,600</b>

Crs Burnheim and Keady requested that their names be requested as voting against the above resolution.

**18.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**0934 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that the following reports, Item Nos. 18.1 and 18.2 be noted.

**18.1 Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of Coonamble Employment Circle held on 6 May 2014.

**18.2 Coonamble Senior Citizens Association**

Minutes of the Coonamble Senior Citizens Meeting held on 20 May 2014.

**19.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER**

**0935 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that the report by the Manager – Saleyards & Facilities be received.

Councillors also noted that a new ramp is being constructed at the Saleyards to accommodate larger trucks and provide quicker loading.

**20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**0936 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act Section 10A:

*2 (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:  
(ii) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it"*

**0937 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**20.2 URGENT BUSINESS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GULARGAMBONE LIBRARY SERVICE**

**0938 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that the following item be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0939 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**0940 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council adopt the following recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 20.2:

**20.2 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GULARGAMBONE LIBRARY SERVICE**

**Moved** Cr Karanouh **Seconded** Cr Cullen that Council award the operation of the Gulargambone Library Service to Twoeighttwoeight, in accordance with the terms of its submission and fee for service, for a period of three years.

**21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

## 22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### Cr Schieb:

- Referred to problems in the future regarding existing small blocks that cannot be built on and said Council should endeavour to have its LEP amended so that permission can be given to persons wishing to buy small areas out of town to build a residence. Referred to the Meglo and said Council told purchasers they could build a residence, now it has changed its decision. Referred to the shortage of blocks in town and the opportunity for people to move out onto small rural blocks if the LEP can be amended. The Manager of Environmental Services provided the meeting with an update and said that the amended document has been approved for exhibition and will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in approximately two weeks. He said that submissions can be made during that time.

**0941 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that Cr Schieb prepare a submission, which will be dealt with when the date for submissions closes and that representatives of the Department of Planning be invited to come to Coonamble to discuss options with Council.

- Referred to insurance costs within the area and asked whether there has been any feedback to Council's enquiry – the General Manager said the Manager of the Insurance Council is planning a road trip and will include Council.

### Cr Cullen:

- Meeting re the inland railway – referred to submission being prepared by Council's Economic Development Manager – the line will be a big advantage for Coonamble and will reduce freight costs. Said the submission will be in support of the line being moved closer to Coonamble.

### Cr Burnheim:

- Referred to his enquiries to Sunpower – said it is a feasible option for Shire facilities and he would refer the matter to the Economic Development Committee.

### Cr Keady:

- Thanked Council's Grants & Events Officer for organising the Corporate Tent at the rodeo.
- Referred to the attendance of the Coonamble High School representatives at a recent Council meeting and said they left very disillusioned by the attitude of some members. Referred to the information which was provided by the school when requested. Said there are hard workers at the CHS and Council should be trying to assist it by engaging the students. He said regarding the yards at the Common, it would not matter how long it took to build new yards, as the current ones are still serviceable.

The General Manager said as Trustees of the Common, Council's main focus must be on the benefit to Commoners – the GM said there is a time frame on the grant funds and any money not spent within the specified time must be

returned. GM said Council will work with the School but in a businesslike partnership.

- Airport – referred to questions asked by Mr David Chadwick in his recent letter and address to Council which were not answered in Council's response. The questions were
  - a) who authorised the NOTAM and
  - b) why was it lifted for two aircraft?

In response the General Manager said that Cr Keady raised both these questions at the last Council meeting and his reply was that the Airport Manager issued the NOTAM and the Airport Manager was the A/Director of Engineering Services.

In response to question b) the A/Director of Engineering Services said the NOTAM was not lifted and reinforced – it was removed at 3.00 p.m. on the day.

#### **Cr Walker:**

- Centrelink – referred to the Agency in Coonamble and said there are no services available – it cannot assist job seekers and is not able to help most people who require service.

**0942 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Cullen that Council write to Centrelink requesting that an office be established in Coonamble so that full service to the Community can be provided, or at the very least that additional services be provided by the agency.

#### **A/Director of Engineering Services:**

- Referred to Council's request to have water treated for anything that could cause skin problems – results have revealed there is no substance in the water which could be identified with causing skin rashes. She said that if a doctor believes the water is responsible, he/she must notify the Department of Public Health. No such action has ever been taken.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**0943 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act Section 10A: 2(a) *“personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)”*.

**0944 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

#### **RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**0945 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council resume Open Meeting.

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

**0946 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council adopt the recommendation of Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 20.1, detailed below:

**20.1 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT – GENERAL MANAGER**

That Council having conducted a performance appraisal with the General Manager, the General Manager's remuneration be increased with the current CPI amount in accordance with clause 8.3 of the standard contract.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

These Pages (1/5471 to 20/5491) were confirmed on the NINTH day of JULY 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 June 2014.

**MAYOR**

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 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:**

**Advice received advertisement will be placed this week by Crown Lands. After 14 days Council will be notified of the outcome.**

**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. Progressing.**

**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:**

**Traffic Committee meeting not yet convened.**

**HOUSE NUMBERING**

Requested that a check be made to see what progress has been made with House Numbering, as the matter was again discussed at a Health Meeting recently. The Director advised that the numbers were being ordered, but he would check. It was noted that \$5,000 remains in the budget to assist with this project.

**Status:**

**Due to declining member numbers Lions Club has declined. Suggestion was made to approach Coonamble High School P&C – letter has been written.**

**19.1 CODE OF CONDUCT BREACH**

that Council, impose the following sanctions, being the recommendations of the *Report for Coonamble Shire Council Investigation of Alleged Code of Conduct Breach*:

*“Having determined that Cr Burnheim has committed a breach a section 6.7(a) of the Code of Conduct, it is recommended that:*

*2.. Cr Burnheim be required to immediately undertake training in the Code of Conduct, particularly relationships and interactions between councillors and council staff members and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, particularly the role of the complaints coordinator.*

*3.. Following counselling and completion of training in the Code of Conduct, Cr Burnheim be required to sign a statement that he has received, read, understood and will abide by his obligations under the Code of Conduct.*

*4. Cr Burnheim be required to undertake training in Department of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting.*

*5. Consideration be given to requiring all councillors and staff to attend annual Code of Conduct training.*

**Status:**  
**Council’s Human Resources Department is investigating suitable training courses.**

*7. Develop and promulgate a policy requiring all councillors and staff to sign a statement that they have received, read, understood and will abide by their obligations under the Code of Conduct.*

**Status:**  
**Formal policy being determined. In progress**

*8. Professional, formal mediation occur between Cr Burnheim and Mr Warren and Cr Burnheim and Ms Tasker”*

**Status:**  
**Council’s Human Resources Department identifying potential mediators. In progress**

**AND FURTHER**, in addition to the recommendations of the conduct reviewer that Cr Burnheim be required to apologise to any person or organisation affected by the breach.

**Status:**  
**No apology forthcoming.**

**10.5 ROLEY GREEN T6(43310)**  
**0857 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that Council note Mr Green’s proposal will proceed, with funding being provided from the Urban Roads Maintenance Vote.

**Status:**  
**Root guards have been ordered – cost of \$2,000 – still awaiting arrival of trees . In progress.**

**10.17 MR DAVID CHADWICK A5(43386)**  
**0863 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council develop a Plan of Management for the Coonamble Airport for 2014/15 onwards and that all users of the Airport be invited to contribute to the Plan.

**Status:**  
**Meeting scheduled for 8 July 2014.**

**14.3 BILL DELANEY PARK – ELECTRIC BARBEQUES**  
**0919 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that the Director bring a further report to the July meeting, which details prices of new barbeques suitable for location at the Gulargambone pool and main street area and both gas and electric options be included.

**Status:**

**The Director is awaiting detailed costings from contractors – report will be available at the August meeting.**

**16.1 HERITAGE ADVISOR**

**0926 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council call for expressions of interest for a qualified person to fill the role of Heritage Advisor and, if no suitable applicants apply, Council finalise the Local Heritage Fund.

**Status:**

**Contact made with Heritage Office which advised it would provide a list of suitably qualified persons for Council to contact, also provided a template of the expression of interest request to forward to each person/company.**

<b>8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED</b>
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**MAIN STREET ENTRANCE**

**0878 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that planter boxes similar to those outside Bag-a-Bargain be placed on the NAB side of the roadway.

**Status:**

**Planter boxes and plants installed.**

**COMPLETED.**

**SCHOOL BUS SHELTERS**

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

**Status:**

**Council's application for funding of \$23,197 for the construction of six bus shelters has been approved.**

**See report this meeting.**

**COMPLETED**

**RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT  
AN AMENDMENT**

**0900 PROPOSED** by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council take no action in this matter until more information is provided.

**Status:**

**The Director of Community Services provided information to each Councillor as requested at the last meeting.**

**COMPLETED**

**CENTRELINK SERVICES - COONAMBLE**

**0942 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Cullen that Council write to Centrelink requesting that an office be established in Coonamble so that full service to the Community can be provided, or at the very least that additional services be provided by the agency.

**Status:**

**Council has written to the Member for Parkes who advised that he has contacted the Minister for Human Services, requesting a response to Council's appeal for a Centrelink Office in Coonamble. COMPLETED**

## **9. MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 JULY 2014**

### **9.1 COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

On Friday 13 June 2014 I attended the general meeting of the Country Mayors' Association of NSW. 24 Councils were represented with those close to Coonamble being Dubbo, Warrumbungle and Narrabri.

Presentations were given by John Robertson MP, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Western Sydney. Highlights of Mr Robinson's presentation included Labor's commitment to education, employment, engaging with local government and introducing a moratorium on Coal Seam Gas.

NSW Farmers was represented by Fiona Simson, President and Mall Brand, CEO who both addressed the meeting. Key issues for them were water, weeds, native vegetation regulation and agricultural economics.

Other subjects discussed included roads funding, the impact of the Federal Budget on Local Government, in particular, the changes to the Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) Scheme. A position paper will be prepared by Gunnedah and Griffith Councils.

Overall, I believe for forum is constructive and useful – filling a void that appears to have developed in regard to country councils following the amalgamation of the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW to become One Association.

### **9.2 ORANA REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**

On Monday 30 June 2014 the General Manager and I attended a workshop in Dubbo with the Department of Premier and Cabinet to develop the next Regional Action Plan for the Orana Region.

The workshop was facilitated by Alison Morgan the regional coordinator for Western NSW. The meeting was attended by Mayors from many councils across the region.

The order of the meeting was to focus on integration and alignment between state plans, regional plans and council community strategic plans (CSPs). This approach acknowledges the significant community engagement undertaken by councils during the preparation of their CSPs and will allow community need and expectation to be identified.

I look forward to the release of the new Regional Action Plan following on from these consultative processes.

### **9.3 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Over the 15 – 18 June I attended the National Assembly of Local Government at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

During the course of the conference many motions were debated. Of relevance to Coonamble Shire Council were the calls for the formula for distribution of the Financial Assistance Grant to be amended to allow for a more equitable distribution to rural and remote councils.

There was also debate regarding Natural Disaster mitigation and for councils to argue for improvement in design where road assets are repaired due to damage.

Assistance for drought relief was also on the agenda. Several councils put forward motions requesting that businesses in drought affected areas be eligible for assistance as their income is impacted by the nature of the drought conditions.

Infrastructure sustainability was very much to the fore of the conference. It was argued that local government is carrying a disproportionate and unsustainable impost in relation to core civil infrastructure and that a whole of government approach is needed for sustainable asset management. It was also argued that councils are limited in capacity to raise additional revenue to address the infrastructure backlog.

While it was disappointing that several of the government speakers were unable to attend, I believe it was worthwhile to be represented.

**Ahmad (Allan) KARANOUH**  
Mayor  
1 July 2014

**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 2014**

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

**10.1      CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL      A1+T3-11(43611)**

Referring to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fisher's Ghost Art Award and saying 2013 saw the largest number of entries to date. Advising that expansion of the event would not be possible without Council's continued support and sponsorship. Saying they are proud to partner with local organizations that share the same vision for promoting the talents not only in the local community, but in the wider arts community.

Asking Council to consider the continuation of its sponsorship and would like to re-confirm Coonamble Shire Council's sponsorship of the Sculpture Award for the amount of \$1,000 (ex GST). Forwarding signed sponsorship agreements for signature and return, following which an invoice will be forwarded for payment. Pointing out the agreement will be renewed every three years unless previously discussed.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council sign the Sponsorship Agreement for the three year period and return it to Campbelltown City Council, noting that its Sponsorship of the Sculpture Awards is \$1,000 (ex GST) annually.**

**10.2      LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW      L10(43571)**

Advising the Annual Conference will be held at the C.ex Coffs (formerly ExServices Club – same venue as the 2007 conference) from Sunday 19 October to Tuesday 21 October 2014. Saying the Board has set the first day of business as the primary time to discuss all issues and motions and a session time will be put aside to ask participants how they wish to deal with motions and issues in the future.

Pointing out the Association would now like to receive input from councils to guide the content of the business sessions. Requesting that Council identify the most important issues which it believes are causing concern to Council and/or the local community and provide these details to the Association **prior to Friday 1 August 2014.**

Saying Councils should identify issues or motions relating to the following overall categories:

1. Industrial relations and employment
2. Economic
3. Environmental
4. Governance/Civic leadership
5. Social Policy.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the letter and attachments is included as **APPENDIX A**. Councillors are asked to identify issues they wish to include as a motion to the Conference and provide them to this meeting. It should also be noted that Council is encouraged to suggest an appropriate solution by including either a motion which could be considered by the Conference or notes which might guide delegates to an agreed position).

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

### **10.3 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION S3-1**

Advising that the National Local Roads and Transport Congress has always been and continues to be critical in influencing the federal government and opposition on road infrastructure policies. Pointing out the Congresses have a reputation for influencing significant change for example the first one resulted in the establishment of the Roads to Recovery Program in 200 and the 2011 Congress campaign to renew the Roads to Recovery Program was instrumental in securing the renewal of the program until 2019.

Saying that given the outcomes for local government in the federal government's recent budget it is important that local government stakeholders present a united front when dealing with the new government on road and transport issues, particularly funding. Pointing out a key aim of the upcoming roads congress during 12 – 14 November 2014 in Tamworth is to highlight the importance of issues such as federal funding in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges and reinforce the need for increased and permanent funding under the Roads to Recovery Program beyond June 2019.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Traditionally Council has not been represented at this Congress due to it being held interstate, however this year it is at Tamworth and Council may wish to nominate two councillors and the engineer to attend, noting that Council's November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12. Past conferences indicate that registration is approximately \$1,000 per person, with accommodation an additional cost. A copy of the roads congress draft program is attached as **APPENDIX B**.)

**Recommendation  
For Council's determination.**

<b>10.4</b>	<b>WATERFORD RYAN</b>	<b>PR1484-01</b>
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Forwarding Deed of Appointment of New Trustee for the Coonamble Retirement Units Trust for execution under Council Seal.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council passed a resolution on 13 June 2012 that it be replaced as the trustee by Towri Retirement Units Inc and this document will give effect to that resolution).

**Recommendation:**

**That Council authorise the affixing of the Seal to the Deed of Appointment of New Trustee for the Coonamble Retirement Units Trust and return the document to the solicitors.**

**Section B – Matters for Information Only:****10.5 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE F5-4(43606)**

Referring to Council's application for an extension to the funding term of Stage 1 Coonamble Levee Upgrade – Grant Offer \$2,700,000 – and approving the request in line with the latest revised work plan submitted on 4 June. Saying the first milestone report, along with evidence of the signed contract works prior to 30 June 2014 to allow for an initial payment of \$1.5 million to be made to Council.

**10.6 THE HON GLADYS BEREJKLIAN MP – MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT G5(43616)**

Advising that Council's application for funding in the 2013/2014 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme for \$23,972 (ex GST) was successful. Saying the funding is for six school bus shelters and will be provided subject to terms and conditions forwarded. Congratulating Council on its success and saying she is greatly encouraged that it shares the NSW Government's interest in providing quality public transport infrastructure for passengers.

**10.7 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES – ROAD USER SAFETY G5(43666)**

Advising Council's application for funding to conduct a community bike ride event in Coonamble during Bike Week was successful, with a maximum of \$2,100 (GST inclusive) being allocated.

**10.8 MRS DOREEN BEST L3-2(43664)**

Thanking Council for contributing \$4,000 towards the printing costs of the book – *Gulargambone – As It Was ..* – a history of the village. Saying both she and Mrs Byrne are most grateful for Council's generosity. Stating an application has been forwarded for a RAHS Cultural Grant.

**10.9 WATERFORD RYAN R8-7(43674)**

Referring to closure of pt MR202 at Quambone and advising Crown Lands received the Road Closure Application on 16 September 2013 and the Department also advised it would be a long time before the application was processed, as Crown Lands had a very significant backlog.

Stating they have again contacted the Department and have been further advised that it is still working through the backlog of application and it will still be some time before the matter is dealt with. Stating that Crown Lands are working on applications submitted from 2007 to 2009.

<b>10.10</b>	<b>WATERFORD RYAN</b>	<b>L11(43672)</b>
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Referring to Council's lease to Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club and saying they have attempted to contact Crown Lands to finalise the process of obtaining Minister's Consent to the lease. Stating they have now contacted the Manager at Crown Lands Dubbo, who advised that a letter will shortly be sent outlining what further steps are needed to finalise this matter.

<b>10.11</b>	<b>KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP – MEMBER FOR BARWON</b>	<b>A7(43680)</b>
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Referring to Council's letter in relation to Ambulance services at Coonamble and advising he has made representations to The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research and will contact Council when a response is received.

<b>10.12</b>	<b>REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER</b>	<b>D7(43696)</b>
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Advising the 2013 CASP round released a range of projects for the region, with Coonamble Ceramics Collective receiving \$2,810 for a workshop and exhibition, \$3,000 to Coonamble Streets Ahead for an opera performance; \$4,840 to Coonamble CWA Evening Group/Coonamble Material Girls for a series of millinery workshops.

Pointing out that the 2014 CASP also provided cultural opportunities, with Coonamble Rodeo Association being granted \$2,700 for a Bush Poets' Breakfast and Coonamble Streets Ahead received \$2,925 for the youth millinery workshop. Advising workshops have been held to teach community members traditional weaving skills in Coonamble and Gulargambone.

Advising the current premises of the Gallery is providing invaluable space for community exhibitions, workshops and touring shows. Saying its opportunities are still growing and feedback continues to be positive for locals and visitors. Referring to the AGM held on 15 March – Council's nominated and accepted delegate is Cr Bill Burnheim with Cr John Walker the alternate.

<b>10.13</b>	<b>ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS</b>	<b>O5</b>
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Advising that it has written to The Hon Barnaby Joyce, Minister for Agriculture, concerning Federal government drought assistance, pointing out that the current seasonal outlook for western and north western areas of the OROC region is very grim and financial impacts are affecting many rural families and communities.

Pointing out in the letter that the OROC Board considers there is not enough focus towards drought 'in event' and 'recovery' support and providing additional points of concern to support this.

The letter states that OROC Board is appreciative of the social support element of the Federal Assistance package which has a particular focus on communities and recognises it is very beneficial to rural communities.

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
1 July 2014

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 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
6/14	Walker, N & Leonard, T	Owners	Placement of 5 bedroom dwelling	64 Wingadee Street Coonamble	19/6/2014
7/14	NSW Police Force	Owner	Housing	45-47 Bourbah Street Gulargambone	19/6/2014
8/14	Glover, S & W	Owners	Placement of 4 bedroom dwelling	2 - 6 Gordon Street Coonamble	19/6/2014

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
Nil					

**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 Development Application Nos 006/2014, 007/2014 and 008/2014 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting - no Complying Development Applications were approved during that time.**

<b>11.2</b>	<b>COONAMBLE SCOUT HALL BUILDING</b>	<b>L11</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program***  
***13.4.1 Complete buildings maintenance & improvement program***

**Background:**

Council has received a request from Coonamble Arts Alice in regard to the old scout hall building. Arts Alive has asked if the NSW Scouts' Association (the current owners of the building) were to offer the building to Council, would Council accept the building and make arrangements with Arts Alice for their long-term use of the premises.

**Issues:**

Council will be aware of issues surrounding the infrastructure backlog and that Council's building infrastructure backlog is in the order of \$240,000 to bring to a satisfactory condition. To accept a building that may potentially contribute to Council sustainability issues needs careful consideration. The building is considered suitable for the current use, with no substantial repairs required and Arts Alive is maintaining the building to a satisfactory standard.

At present, I can see no impediment to Council considering accepting ownership of the building should Scouts NSW offer it to council on unconditional terms, with Council having the view of entering into a long-term arrangement with Arts Alive Coonamble to be responsible for all outgoings and maintenance on the building.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil – should Council obtain the building and enter into arrangements with Arts Alive Coonamble for use and maintenance of the building.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council advise Arts Alive Coonamble that should Scouts NSW offer the old scout hall to Council, Council would be prepared to negotiate with Arts Alive with a view of entering into a use and maintenance arrangement with Arts Alive Coonamble that entailed no ongoing expense to Council**

<b>11.3 INTERNAL AUDIT</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program"***  
***L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent***

**Background:**

Council is party to an agreement for Internal Audit Services with the Councils of Gilgandra, Narromine, Walgett, Warren and Warrumbungle.

The current contract with the Internal Auditor – The Luke Group (formally Morse & Co) expires on 30 June 2014.

In keeping with a collaborative approach when looking at this function, it is proposed that Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina and Cobar Councils be invited to participate in the model.

**Issues:**

To progress the internal audit function, it was proposed that the current internal audit committee remain until formal arrangements are negotiated between all councils wishing to participate in the proposal.

From discussions held, it is suggested the following proposal would be effected:

- The arrangement would incorporate up to the 10 councils.
- The group would engage on contract an internal auditor to work across all councils.
- Develop a group and individual audit plans.
- Work towards best practice – broaden approach with greater focus on organisation wide risk management.
- Highlight across councils common issues.
- Appoint a common independent chair for all internal audit committees across the group.

This arrangement would allow for approximately 20 days of time for this Council to be serviced by an internal auditor.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

Although not mandatory, the Office of Local Government has issued strong guidelines and expects councils to embrace an internal audit function.

**Financial Considerations:**

Council has budgeted \$41,000 for internal audit services for the 2014/2015 financial year – this is sufficient to carry out the function.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council endorse an extension of up to 12 months for the current internal audit committee to continue to operate while arrangements are being made between OROC councils interested in a joint internal audit function to develop a proposal to employ an internal auditor.**

<b>11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
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**Author:** *Economic Development Officer – Lee O'Connor*

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

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

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

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

PROJECT	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Eco Spa + Caravan Park	1. Contacted K Humphries' office re delays in approval to sell land.	1. Email received that approval/sale imminent. 2. Final advertising of Crown Lands notice of intention to sell. Ad released 3 July for 14 days.
Western Education & Events Centre	1. Received response from ClubGrants Category 3.	1. Application for funding unsuccessful. Next round opens late 2014.
Support new and existing business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions:</b> provide information, advocacy and referral.</li> <li>2. <b>Chamber of Commerce</b> – attended June meeting.</li> <li>3. <b>Business Awards</b> – assisting Chamber with launch. Approached sponsors.</li> <li>4. <b>Inquiries New Residents</b> – respond to online inquiries from prospective residents.</li> <li>5. <b>Online Business Directory</b> – re-vamp format on <a href="http://www.localinfo.org.au">www.localinfo.org.au</a>.</li> <li>6. <b>Small Business Friendly Councils Program</b> – made initial contact to inquire and express interest in participating.</li> <li>7. <b>Local Trades for Government Contracts</b> – met with NSW Public Works and TAFE re use of local tradespeople for maintenance/ upgrade works at local schools. Compiled and supplied updated Local Trades List.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 0 new inquiries this month. Ongoing support for 2 businesses in start-up phase. (tourism, driving instruction)</li> <li>2. Next Chamber meeting Tues 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm.</li> <li>3. Business Awards – to commence in July. Sponsorship gained from RDA Orana and Central West Orana Business Chamber.</li> <li>4. 0 inquiries this month.</li> <li>5. Updated format for online Business Directory and linked to Council website.</li> <li>6. Coonamble Shire Council on preliminary list of 40 NSW LGAs to participate in <i>Small Business Friendly Councils Program</i>.</li> <li>7. Work to commence 30 June. Local trades to be used where possible ie. capacity to deliver in timeframe, necessary licences and approvals. TAFE incorporating Cert III Construction for up to 8 Aboriginal people. Four CHS students to undertake Work Placement with successful contractors.</li> </ol>

Employment Circle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Convened Employment Circle meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>2. <b>Operation Ag Workforce</b> – liaise with potential speakers.</li> <li>3. <b>Work for the Dole</b> – convened meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June to kickstart projects in Coonamble in response to closure of CDEP.</li> <li>4. <b>Learner Driver Programs</b> – Neighbourhood Centre to manage funding. Convened meetings.</li> <li>5. <b>Green Army</b> – Castlereagh River Cleanup project proposed by Landcare Co-ordinator, D Bonnington. Support from JSAs, Aboriginal Working Party, CHS, Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See Employment Circle meeting notes attached.</li> <li>2. <u>Event Date: Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</u>, 6pm. Keynote speaker: Roger Fletcher. Plus local ag-related employers.</li> <li>3. Coonamble Golf Club to pilot community-based Work for the Dole project. GM to meet with APM re a Council-based project.</li> <li>4. TAFE planning a 'Get Licensed, Get Legal' project to gain L Plates. Birrang to conduct intensive safe driving course towards P Plates. Recruitment to commence mid July. Neighbourhood Centre to recruit and train volunteer driver mentors.</li> <li>5. River Cleanup project included in Bathurst Skillshare application for Green Army funding.</li> </ol>
Economic Development Committee	Convened meeting Wed 25 June.	<p>Issues raised: impact of drought, changes to TAFE.</p> <p>Business opportunities identified for investigation.</p>
Advocacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mobile Blackspots Program</b> – Article for Coonamble Times. Clarify blackspot locations. Consider Council contribution. Submission due 30 June.</li> <li>2. <b>NSW Small Business Commissioner</b> – contacted local business owners re issues. Supplied information to Orana Business Enterprise Centre for meeting with Commissioner.</li> <li>3. <b>Inland Rail Implementation Group</b> – liaise with Cr Cullen to compile submission.</li> <li>4. <b>Regional Aviation Services Inquiry</b> -</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feedback received from 2 stock agents, 3 Council outdoor staff, 4 property owners. Information submitted 24<sup>th</sup> June to Department of Communications.</li> <li>2. NSW Small Business Commissioner expected to visit Coonamble and Gilgandra in August.</li> <li>3. Information submitted 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Inland Rail Implementation Group.</li> <li>4. Council invited to hearings in Moree 23 July or Dubbo 24 July.</li> </ol>

Orana EDO Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attended training on Census, and Strategic Governance in Dubbo on 5<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>2. Attended EDO Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ol> <p><b>2.1 Orana Regional Relocation Project</b> – draft project plan tabled.</p> <p><b>2.2 Orana Workforce Development Strategy</b> – funding committed. Tender awarded.</p>	<p>2.1 Regional Relocation plan includes: Year 1 - branding, dedicated website, print brochure, social media, cross promotion. Year 2 – video testimonials, competitions, events and expos.</p> <p>2.2 MOU being developed. Business interviews and surveys to commence August for Skills Audit. Results to be released November.</p>
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**Recommendation:**

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

**RICK WARREN**  
 General Manager  
 1 July 2014

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 09 JULY 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 May - June 2014.

#### **Issues:**

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

##### **1.1 Gulargambone Youth Centre**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program – 12.1.3**  
***Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people.***

Planning and recruitment for the Gulargambone Holiday Program is complete. The service will commence on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and operate between 10am – 3pm week days at the Gulargambone Youth Centre, Warrie Street. The Youth Council played an instrumental role in developing the program of activities and the rules and consequences for the service.

##### **1.2. 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 continuing to plan and develop youth-led events. The group is currently planning a Youth Forum scheduled for November 2014.

##### **1.3 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.***

Two Youth Council meetings took place during the reporting period. Minutes included in Reports from Various Committees section of the Business Paper. The Youth Council continues to be well supported by Coonamble High School and Gulargambone Central School.

As a direct result of participation in the Youth Council, Gulargambone Central School has now formed a Student Representative Council. Gulargambone young people are now locally applying the skills and knowledge they have developed through their involvement with Youth Council.

## 1.4 Community Working Party

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.2.4. Work in collaboration with agencies and community groups to address existing and emerging issues specific to the Aboriginal community.***

The Coonamble and Gulargambone Community Working Parties (CWP) have expressed their desire to work closely with Council to progress their Action Plans. At the Coonamble Community Working Party's June meeting the Regional Director of Aboriginal Affairs, Tracey Shillingsworth, commented that Council's Operational Plan 2014/15 is well written and relevant to the Aboriginal community.

## 1.5 Youth Week competition awards

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age.***

Awards for the Boss for the Day (Youth Week) writing competition were presented at an Assembly of St Brigit's School. 6 students were presented with gift vouchers and certificates.

## 1.6 NAIDOC

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age***

NAIDOC activity support was provided to St Brigit's School and Coonamble Community Health in the form of staff assistance and financial contribution to community event catering.

## 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***

- Library Connections have supplied the Library with a number of new Indigenous books and DVDs that have proved very popular.
- Book of the Week implemented with excellent feedback and turnaround of books. Interlibrary loans from libraries outside our region are also starting to be requested.

- Providing old books and magazines to the Visitor Information Centre for travellers to access for no fee has resulted in an effective way to reduce excess book stock.
- Promoted Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft by running a local promotion. Each time a patron used their card to borrow books during last week of May and first week of June they went into a draw. One adult and one child/aged concession weekend pass were given away as prizes. Winners Marj Parsons and Tarwana were very excited and happy to receive the tickets.
- New children's puzzles and toys are being utilised. The puzzles are presently available for in- house use only. Parents have been appreciative of having something to occupy the children as they sit and talk with friends or make use of other facilities.
- Home work help and afterschool activities through Library Connections was originally on Monday and Tuesday only. As children use the service on these days they are exposed to the Library environment and most, if not all, come in for the rest of the week – Wednesday to Friday.
- Headphones/microphones, and programming of same, on Library computers are being used by several patrons to record their own music and songs. One patron utilising this service has had success in having his songs played on local radio.
- Housebound deliveries to patrons with newly formed trivia and copy of Seniors' Magazine continue every fortnight.
- Big Screen movie nights continue Friday fortnightly with 5-10 attendees. Sometimes accompanied by an adult/guardian who enjoys the movies with their charge. The attendees are offered popcorn, sandwiches, fruit and water. Upon completion of the films, when time permits, children are asked to choose a book for storytime with the librarian/community services worker.
- Coonamble High School Trainee working every Wednesday at the Library.
- Targeted promotion of North West Regional Library initiative BorrowBox, an online library that allows patrons to choose from over 2000 ebooks and audiobooks.
- Facilitation of Waste to Art Competition, in partnership with Outback Arts.

**External community group meetings**

- Coonamble Street's Ahead subcommittee held a meeting in the Library. As one of the members had small children they appreciated that they were able to read/play in a warm and safe environment while they had the meeting.
- Writers group attended with four members utilising the library and library resources.
- Family History Society utilised the Library meeting room.
- Distance Education utilised the Library meeting room all during June for the purpose of examinations.

**Library Connections Project**

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:

- Sustainable transition of Big Screen Movie Nights and after school activities to the Community Services team.
- Facilitation of Language Workshops.
- Facilitation of Art Workshops.
- Completion of resource purchasing.
- Progression of cultural competency self-assessment.
- Commencement of project evaluation.

A visit from Anne Dougherty from the State Library occurred as a result of a complaint to the State Librarian. The complaint referred to changes in the Library as a result of the Library Connections project. Ms Dougherty met with the Director Community Services and Library staff, reviewed the library activity and discussed the Library Connections project.

Ms Dougherty was more than satisfied that the services and activities occurring in the Library are aligned with State Library directions. She made comment that the State Library is working to expand their Aboriginal Cultural unit and any library that is responding to local need in terms of diversity, should be commended. She was pleased to see the activities that the Library Connections Project is facilitating and appeared to be somewhat shocked at the community resistance Council has encountered.

### 3. Tourism

#### 3.1 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.*

#### 3.2 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*

Continuing to progress destination management planning audits and gap analysis. Coonamble hosted the Inland Tourism destination management meeting on the 19 May with regional and local stakeholders attending. Next Inland Tourism meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> August at Coonabarabran.

#### 3.3 Focus Group – Spring Carnival

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P1.3.1  
Support activities that increase community participation and connection. EC1.2.3 Identify opportunities for new tourism product.*

In accordance with Council's request, tourism stakeholders were invited to a meeting to discuss their views on a Spring Fair event. The meeting was conducted in a Focus Group format highlighting the options presented to Council at the December 2013 Council meeting. In summary, majority feedback included:

- Option 1: Favoured the current “spring festival” marketing but agreed a broader target group and an annual calendar of events would be more effective.
- Option 2: Favoured targeting broader markets but saw “piggybacking” with Dubbo initiatives more useful than stand-alone marketing.
- Option 3: Favoured 2 day to 1 week festival with attachment (or anchoring) to another existing event.  
Do not favour stakeholders bearing any cost (Council should bear the full cost).  
Acknowledgment of importance of stakeholder ownership and participation.
- Option 4: Did not favour a multi-month festival.

Meeting notes are attached as **APPENDIX C**.

### 3.4 Visitor Information Centre

Visitor statistics for reporting period (May – June 2014)

	<b>May 2014</b>	<b>June (to date) 2014</b>
Place of origin	NSW 87% QLD 10% VIC – 1% SA- 1% ACT – 1%	NSW – 85% QLD – 9% VIC – 2% SA – 1%        - TAS- 1% Overseas – 2%
Service request	1. Directions  2. Attractions  3. Accommodation  4. Toilets	1. Directions  2. Attractions  3. Accommodation  4. Toilets
TOTAL Visitors	46	88

The Visitor Information Centre assisted co-ordination of the following groups to Coonamble:

- Toronto Ladies Probus Club – 37 people participating in a guided tour of the Brigidine Nuns Convent.
- Outback Land Rover Heritage Drive – commencing in Coonamble and travelling to Baradine, Collarenebri, Mungindi, Lightning Ridge, Carinda and returning to Coonamble.

## 4. Grants

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- I1.3.1. Support projects that aim to reduce transport disadvantage.***

- Notified of the successful Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme application for school bus shelters.
- The State Government has announced a new \$110 million Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund, which will invest in critical projects such as airport upgrades and rail trail infrastructure. No further details have been released to date.

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- Support appropriate community activities undertaken by a range of organisations and provide assistance with project development, governance, grant writing, community building and group facilitation.***

- Grant advice provided to community members/groups. In the first 12 months of the GEO position, there have been 20 formal community contacts, with a number of other informal discussions in relation to grants and funding. Successful in a grant application for NAIDOC celebration funds. A Black Screen movie night will be facilitated in conjunction with other community activities in September.

## 5. **Museum Under the Bridge**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- 12.3.1. Continue to upgrade and maintain infrastructure that supports cultural recreational and leisure activities. 12.3.4. Continue to provide museum advisory support***

- Heritage Day was held on Saturday May 3. 17 visitors attended the Museum including 9 Coonamble residents and two visitors from interstate. CWA and St Brigid's School were contributors to the day.
- A number of items have been donated to the Museum. The Curator is currently cataloguing the items.
- A number of community donations have been extended to the Museum. Coonamble Garden Club donated \$200 and Coonamble Material Girls donated \$500. The funds are being utilised to purchase items for community gatherings or meetings, such as tables and chairs, an urn and other tea and coffee facilities.
- A tourist bus from Queensland visited, with 42 visitors on board. They enjoyed morning tea and lunch in the grounds while taking a tour of the Museum exhibits.
- Students from Coonamble High School visited the Museum on a research project and students from St Brigid's School visited to present their history displays.
- Facebook now has 1250 friends, with a number of the Facebook members visiting the Museum from intra and interstate.

## 6. **EVENTS**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P1.3.1. Support activities that increase community participation and connection.***

- Rodeo Corporate Tent facilitation completed.

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

- Successful in obtaining promotional funds for Bike Week activities through Transport for NSW. Organisation of maintenance and road safety workshops has commenced.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

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

## 12.2 COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
11.3. Public transport that facilitates access to services and  
communities for remote residents  
Author: Grants and Events Officer, Jennie Geerdink***

### **Background:**

In November 2013, Council applied for funding to the value of \$23,972 for six school bus shelters to Transport for NSW under the Country Passengers Infrastructure Grant Scheme. This is the first year school bus shelters have been eligible under the program. Council has been granted the full amount requested.

### **Issues:**

At the June meeting of Council it was resolved that Council investigate the provision of school bus shelters and the availability of grant funding. The then Director of Engineering Services reported back to Council on his findings and subsequently a grant application was submitted to the Department of Transport through the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS).

The Director's consultation with local bus service providers identified the following sites for school bus shelters:

- Corner Limerick and Calga Street;
- Corner Limerick and Edward Street;
- Corner Smith Street and Greene Avenue;
- Corner Nash Street and Floyd Street;
- Corner Dubbo Street and King Street;
- Corner Charles Street and McCullough

These sites were identified by numbers of students and distance to schools as outlined in the program guidelines. Sites adjacent or near to school were determined as ineligible.

A co-contribution is expected for funding, however in-kind and internal labour is considered acceptable. It was stated in the application for funding that Council's co-contribution would consist of site preparation, erection and ongoing maintenance of the shelters, as well as the absorption of the cost of Development Application fees.

### **Financial Considerations:**

Nil. Construction costs will be absorbed as part of the regular program of works.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council endorse the recommendations for the location of the bus shelters and accept grant funding of \$23,972 from Transport for NSW for bus shelters.**

<b>12.3 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: SHADE FOR COONAMBLE POOL</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
12.1.3. Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people***

***Author: Grants and Events Officer, Jennie Geerdink***

**Background:**

The Community Building Partnerships program is funded annually by the NSW Government through the Department of Communities. Funding is allocated on a dollar for dollar basis, with Council required to provide at least 50% of the project cost in cash. Funding pools are allocated on an electorate basis, with the Barwon electorate eligible for a total funding pool of \$400,000. The program opened on June 9 and closes on July 18.

**Issues:**

The provision of shade for users of the Coonamble Pool complex, including the newly installed play area, has been identified as a need, will improve amenity and provide sun safe recreational areas.

Plans include shading the play area, including the splash pad and tables and chairs, covering an area of approximately 15 metres by 12 metres. Future plans are to shade the main area of the pool including the diving blocks covering an area of approximately 20 metres by 30 metres.

A quote has been obtained which has the cost of the shade structure at \$23,000. Added to this are Development Application Fees and site work prior and following the installation of the shade structure, totalling \$29,500.

The shade structure at the pool is in line with Council's Operational Plan, to provide recreational opportunities for the community, and fulfils the Application Criteria of the funding program.

Other projects which could be considered under the funding program include

- Gulargambone Skate Park at a cost of \$61,000. This project was previously applied for under this program and was unsuccessful.
- Toilet blocks at Lions and Broom Park, at a cost of \$25,370 plus \$25,000 installation costs.

In assessing the above projects for suitability under the Community Building Partnerships program, eligibility, Assessment Criteria, and successful applications over the past three years in the region and adjoining electorates was examined.

The primary criteria for the Community Building Partnerships program is that the project benefit a broad sector of the community. Neither the Skate Park, nor the toilet blocks will benefit a broad sector, including children, young people, families, disadvantaged, and elderly people. Projects funded in other areas have a whole of community focus and are aligned with the NSW Government's NSW 2021 State Plan.

The sun shade project addresses the State Plan more comprehensively, particularly Goal 24 *Make it easier for people to be involved in their communities*.

The project addresses the priority action plan: *Build supportive connections between community members using sport, recreation and cultural activities, events, facilities and venues*. It also addresses an ongoing expectation for sun safe sporting activities.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

- \$15,000 contribution from Council

**Options:**

1. Council apply for funding for up to \$15,000 with a co-contribution of up to \$15,000 for the provision of shade at the Coonamble Pool.
2. Council nominate another project including the amount of co-contribution to that project
3. Council not apply for funding under this round

**Recommendation:**

**That Council apply for funding of \$15,000 through the Community Building Partnerships Program and allocate matching funding of \$15,000 for the provision of shade to Coonamble Pool.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

1 July 2014

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 JULY 2014**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/06/2014 compared to 30/06/2013:

	<b>30/06/2014</b>	<b>30/06/2013</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	791,468.50	763,910.00
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,699,131.87	5,437,034.38
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,490,600.37</b>	<b>6,200,944.38</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(62,753.54)	(65,970.06)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(51,343.80)	(53,975.50)
Transfer to Postponed		-
Abandoned		-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,376,503.03</b>	<b>6,080,998.82</b>
Less Collections	(5,598,985.54)	(5,365,916.63)
Less Sale of Land Proceeds	(177,247.95)	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>600,269.54</b>	<b>715,082.19</b>
Plus Postponed		-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>600,269.54</b>	<b>715,082.19</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	90.59%	82.24%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	9.41%	11.76%

**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 - 18/09/2014	3.56%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 03/07/2014	3.66%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 02/07/2014	3.50%	93 Days	1,000,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/09/2014	3.30%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 01/09/2014	3.60%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 04/09/2014	3.25%	184 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 17/07/2014	3.40%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 24/09/2014	3.60%	150 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 09/09/2014	3.50%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
Orana Mutual	Unrated	Term Deposit - 27/07/2014	3.23%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 13/07/2014	3.66%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 26/08/2014	3.70%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/08/2014	3.60%	91 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	At Call Account	3.10%	-	1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	30%	50%	5,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	12%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	12%	35%	2,000,000
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+	67%	100%	11,000,000
A1	12%	80%	2,000,000
A2	12%	60%	2,000,000
Unrated	9%	30%	1,500,000
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>
<b>General Fund Investments</b>			<b>10,760,733</b>
<b>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>3,552,530</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,186,737</b>
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the list of investments as at 30 June 2014 and also that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.**

<b>13.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (STATE) AWARD 2014</b>
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**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:**

**14.2.04 Identify infrastructure expenditure by both: • Expenditure Category - asset group; for example, road pavement• Expenditure Type - operating, maintenance, capital renewal, upgrade**

**Background:**

The Local Government (State) Award 2010 is currently due to expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014. Consultation between interested parties has been ongoing since October 2013 with the Draft Award ratified by the New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission at the end of June 2013.

Local Government NSW has been holding Award briefing sessions to inform Councils of proposed changes included in the Draft Award. Of particular note to Council are the proposed rates of pay increases for the next three financial years, which are as follows, 2.6% (2014/15), 2.7% (2015/16), 2.8% (2016/17)

**Issues:**

As Council is well aware, each year it is faced with increasing budget pressures to continue to deliver services to the community, where increases in costs are outstripping permissible increases in operational revenues. This is a further example when you consider the following facts.

- Based on the 2013/2014 actual wages of \$5,790,812 the increase of 2.6% presents an increase of approximately \$150,561 in expenses.
- Application of the 2.3% rate pegging cap yielded Council with additional revenue of \$81,537.

As mentioned previously in Council reports, management continues the process of reviewing its operations seeking to identify and implement efficiencies in its operational practices to allow for the delivery of services in the most cost effective manner.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Section 506,507,508 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2014 Local Government (State) Award

**Financial Considerations:**

Council, in the preparation of its 2014/15 estimates, incorporated a 3.25% increase in pay rates and, as such, this will cover the increase as mandated by the new award.

**Options:** Nil

<b>Recommendation:</b>
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<b>That Council note the information contained in the report.</b>
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<b>13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/06/2014</b>
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**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:**

**14.2.04 Identify infrastructure expenditure by both: • Expenditure Category - asset group; for example, road pavement• Expenditure Type - operating, maintenance, capital renewal, upgrade**

**Background:**

Each year Council is required to provide General Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules. These reports must contain a statement in the approved form by Council as to its opinion on the reports.

**Issues:**

Staff is currently in the process of completing the financial statements and making the necessary arrangements to allow for the Auditor's end of financial year audit to be carried out. Council's auditors require the statutory requirement to be completed prior to Audit of Council's Financial Statements

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Required in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:** Nil

**Recommendations:**

- (1) That the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Council on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2014.**
- (2) That Council's financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2014 be referred for audit.**

<b>13.5 STORES &amp; MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR AND STORES &amp; MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JANUARY – 30 JUNE 2014.</b>
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The stock take of stores and materials has been completed and a list of store items requiring adjustment is set out below:

**Excess:**

<b>Stores No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
S00302	Grease tubes	2	12.69
S00270	Fly spray	17	154.59
S00535	Safety glasses	4	43.17
S00508	Post – guide (flexible)	20	475.00
S00143	Diesel	228	314.73
S00472	Petrol	19	25.26
S50095	Pathcock $\frac{3}{4}$ F&F	3	52.23
	<i>Total</i>		1,077.67

**Items Unaccounted For:**            *NIL*

<p><b>Recommendation:</b> That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$1,077.67 as shown above for the period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014.</p>
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**13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS****Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces. During the last month particular focus has concentrated on approaches to town, hazard reduction works for the Rural Fire Service and the aerodrome.
- Quotations have been requested for the replacement/supply of plant - 72 inch cut Flail Deck mower and a separate slasher.

**Vandalism Update:**

- The weekend of the 22 June, 2014 saw a spike in vandalism with two soccer goal posts bent, one junior league goal post broken, and the netball goal post removed and thrown around the playing surfaces
- A glass pane in the front door of the administration building was also damaged during the same weekend
- Toilet facilities at the Quambone primitive camping ground were again vandalised.

**Pools:**

- The second round of advertising for the vacancy at the Coonamble Pool closed on Friday the 27 June, 2014.
- During the winter season the pumps at the pools, including the splash pad, are run for a short period of time on a fortnightly basis. This prevents water from becoming stagnate as well as ensuring the integrity of the seals in the pumps as they remain wet.

**Buildings:**

- Minor planned maintenance has been carried out as scheduled

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

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Service  
1 July 2014

## **14. REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 JULY 2014**

### **14.1 CLOSURE OF FLOYD STREET**

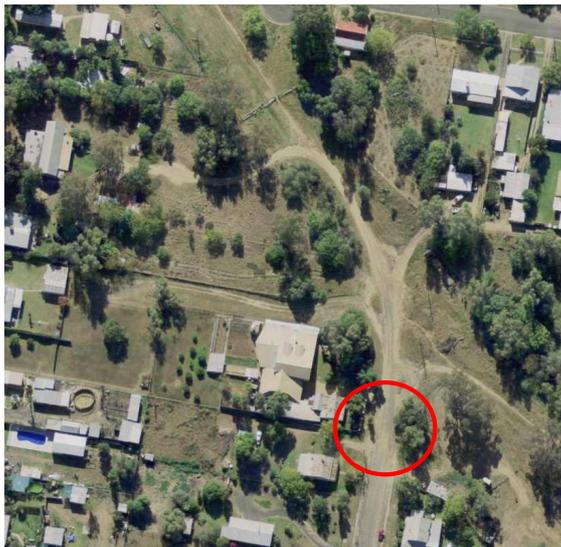
*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.*

#### **Background:**

Council received a request to investigate the viability of closing the end of Floyd Street to prevent vehicle access through the Eurimie creek bed.

#### **Issues:**

Currently a number of houses gain access from the creek and, while most of these properties have alternate access, at least one property does not. This area becomes a flowing waterway in times of flood as shown in the photos below.



Any solid fence would need to be installed above the high water line not only to avoid damage each time the area floods but also as the area is a waterway Council would need the approval of the Department of Fisheries to install any fencing in the waterway.

A guard rail barrier can be installed at such an angle that it blocks vehicle access to the creek but allows pedestrian access, as well as access to the one land-locked block.

#### **Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

A 30m guard rail will cost around \$10,000

**Options:**

- (1) Install a fence at the end of Floyd Street.
- (2) Not install a fence at the end of Floyd Street

**Recommendation:  
For council consideration**

<b>14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS</b>
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- (a) **Plant/Workshop:**
- Repairs to plant have been completed as required
  - Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed as required.
- (b) **Saleyards:**
- New loading ramp commenced.
- (c) **Airport:**
- Routine maintenance completed as required.
  - Meeting held with users to formulate a management plan
- (d) **Depot:**
- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.
  - Increased monitoring of fuel issues in progress.
- (e) **Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:**
- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- (f) **Sewerage:**
- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- (g) **State Highway:**
- Works underway on culvert repairs south of Wingadee Road
  - RMS conducting preliminary investigations towards rehabilitating 2kms of highway immediately north of Coonamble.
  - Wilbur creek guardrail replacement, and embankment protection underway. Highway down to one lane.
  - Work completed on heavy patch work near Youie gun club.
  - Order for supply and delivery of quarry product to Wingadee (stage 3) completed.
- (h) **Regional Roads:**
- Heavy patching on MR383 in the “Floddenfield” area will commence shortly.
  - MR7515 repairs to Combara bridge completed.
  - Work on box culverts on MR129Q 2kms from Quambone about to commence
  - Replacement of the “Coughran’s Canyon” floodway completed. Rehabilitation of Dubbo St completed.
  - Reseal program completed

- Heavy patching in King St and southern end of Dubbo st complete.

**(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.
- Bitumen patching and edge repair has been completed following routine inspections.
- Spraying and slashing underway,
- Reseals completed

**(j) Urban Streets:**

- Bitumen patching of streets and shoulders is in progress following prioritisation of works using REFLECT.
- Resealing various streets completed

**(k) Quarry:**

- Awaiting delivery of pre-coater for the quarry.
- Aggregate bins currently being installed

**(l) Levee:**

- Pre tender meeting held on 27/5/2014
- Tenders closed 12/6/2014

**(m) Common:**

- Lippia weed sprayed.
- Order placed for yards

**Recommendation:**

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

**KAYLENE ATKINS**

A/Director of Engineering Services

1 July 2014

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 09 JULY 2014****15.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2 Develop and grow the community's sense of shared responsibility*

**Background:**

Council adopted the current policy on 10 August 2011 and, in light of changes to the Companion Animals Act and Office of Local Government expectations, it is submitted for review. **See APPENDIX D**

**Issues:**

This policy is a legal authority for Council staff to enforce Council's regulations. The policy establishes enforceable guidelines under the Local Government Act to control animals in the shire area.

No doubt Councillors have been approached from time to time by members of the public with animal issues. Councillors are encouraged to review the document and note the policy will be placed on display for public comment and submissions before being adopted. Changes can be made to the draft document by Council.

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993 – Chapter 7
- Companion Animals Act 1998.

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

At Council's discretion.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council place the draft Domestic Animal Policy on public exhibition for the prescribed period, inviting public comment and/or submission, before formally adopting the Policy taking into account any submission received.**

**15.2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT – LOT 2 “YATTON”  
COONAMBLE**

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

*L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent*

*P1.3.5 Continue to consult residents with a focus on quality of life experience rather than sole satisfaction with Council services.*

**Author:       Manager Environmental Services**

**Background:**

The property “Yatton” was purchased with the intention to develop the 10 hectares for Council housing. The property was divided into five lots, with an existing dwelling located on Lot 1 and Council constructed a 3 bedroom brick veneer dwelling on Lot 2 – both these blocks front the Carinda Road.

**Issues:**

Council recently resolved to subdivide the balance of the property into three individual allotments of 2.022 ha each for private sale. Access to blocks Lots 3, 4 and 5 is by way of the lane running along the western boundary. A survey plan is attached for Council’s consideration.

Prior to offering the block for sale it will be necessary to extend both electricity and water from the Carinda Road to service the newly created allotments. The cost of the development will be in the vicinity of \$60,000 :

- Electricity                               \$40,000
- Water                                       \$15,000
- Subdivision fees/charges   \$ 5,000

If Council agrees to this proposal, subdivision of the area will proceed and services will be extended to the newly created allotments. Enquiries from local real estate agents indicate the asking price for these blocks would be in the vicinity of \$50,000 - \$60,000. The lots can be placed on the market following completion of the provision of services.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**               N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

Costs will be charged against future sales and carried as current asset real estate development in Council’s accounts.

**Options:**

- (1) Proceed with subdivision and provision of services
- (2) Cease development.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council proceed with the development of Lots 3, 4 & 5.**

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

**Compliance Issues**

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b><u>June 2014</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date 2013/2014 Total</u></b>
Official Correspondence	12	122
Infringements (Animals)	12	111
Infringements (Other)	0	10
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Microchipped dogs	10	37
Registrations	8	41
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Nuisance dog declaration	2	7
Dangerous dog declaration	0	4
Restricted dog declaration	0	3
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<b>Impoundments</b>		
Dogs	14	244
Cats	5	98
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>342</b>
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Motor vehicle	1	7
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<b>Breakdown of impoundments</b>		
Dogs destroyed	<b>14</b>	208
Dogs surrendered by owner	<b>8</b>	118
Dogs re-housed	0	20
Dogs released	0	28
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Cats destroyed	5	90
Cats re-housed	0	1
Cats released	0	1
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Gulargambone dogs impounded	0	27
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

**Recommendation:**

**That the information provided by Council's Ranger and contained in this report be noted.**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services

1 July 2014

**16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 2014**

**16.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH  
COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

**Minute taker:** Lianne Tasker  
**Venue:** Coonamble Council Chambers, Coonamble

**Apologies:** Kodie Ireland, Tray Blattman, Markita Thurston, Emily Stork, Tiffany Hardwick, Peppah McMullen, Kylah Astill, Grant Millgate, Danzel Ryan, Bradley McEwen, Dwayne Hammond, Robert Weldon, Christine Blattman

**Present:** Shanaye Kennedy, Lianne Tasker, Riley Fernando, Dakota Heiken, Adam Roworth, Mr Bob Townsend, Samuel Knight, Lucy Buckley, Taylee Milgate, Killara Darcy, Sharna McNamara, Bec Jordison.

**Meeting opened – 1.15pm**

1. **Welcome** – Lianne welcomed group and, in the absence of the Chairperson, asked for a volunteer to Chair the meeting, Dakota Heiken volunteered.
2. **Acknowledgement of Country**– by Chairperson, Dakota Heiken
3. **Introductions** -everyone introduced themselves and their role
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** - no minutes of the last meeting
5. **Business arising from last minutes** - nil
  
6. **Youth Week recap** - The group talked about the events of Youth Week and were happy with the activities, especially the Big Day Out in Coonamble. Planning for next year will start in the next few months. The Boss for the Day activity – congratulations to Elvy and Danzel who attended the Council meeting and made a huge impact. Elvy, Danzel & Grant also developed a project for Gulargambone young people which aims to assist school aged students make positive life choices. Lianne explained that it involves a high profile motivational speaker, ongoing mentoring and a visit to a detention centre. Group discussed how this could work and the best way to engage young people to participate. Also brainstormed why it might not work and solutions to possible issues.

Decision: the whole of the senior school at Gulargambone would participate, young people have input into the mentor chosen.

**Motion** by Dakota Heinken that the “*Youth Council support the Gulargambone mentoring project with funds to support a motivational speaker*”

Seconded: Adam Roworth.

7. **Bang the Table** - The group talked about the Lightning Ridge pool event and brainstormed the next event, which is a Football Day. Ideas included:

*Involve CRL, run on a school day (not holidays) – this would involve engaging both Schools as partners, involve Clontarf, have Ref coaching, team building activities, skills & drills. Mr Townsend said the day could be on a school day if it were an “inter town carnival” community engagement day. Group prefers date 16/6/14 but Lianne said this would not be enough time to engage CRL.*

**Action:**

**Kodie to follow up with CRL about dates and find out how local organisations would like to be involved. Timeframe: by next meeting**

## General Business

### 8. **Youth Forum**

Discussed Youth Forum and format and activities to be held. Groups split up to discuss and ideas included:

- Different speakers, local and include “big name” speakers such as Brett Morris, Greg Ingliss, Darren Lockyer, Jarod Haynes, Adrian Zumbo.
- Workshops and “stations” including different topics, rotating groups
- Interactive workshops with a mix of “important” and “interesting” topics
- “Good Choices” stories from people who have succeeded from small towns (eg: footy players), workshops on how to build “resilience”

### 9. **Budget**

- Lianne talked about the Youth Council budget paying for members going to the Youth Week Awards in Sydney. The group discussed how they would select who they would like to represent the Youth Council if it is selected as a finalist. Group took a vote and another vote will be taken at the next Youth Council meeting for those people who are away today.

- Discussion about any left over budget. Ideas included –
  - A workshop to develop Youth Council skills – group decided on a public speaking workshop to help them gain confidence for the Youth Forum

**Action: Kodie to get photos and costs of bucket hats. Kodie to get information and quotes for a Public Speaking workshop for Youth Council members. Timeframe: by next meeting.**

#### **10. Youth Wheels**

Lianne advised that the Youth Council have been successful in a funding application from Department of Transport which will give them \$8000 to be spent on transport for young people to access events and activities over the next 12 months.

**11. Shirts** - Youth Council shirts were handed out to people who do not yet have one.

Close - Dakota thanked the group members and closed the meeting – 3pm.

**Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

<b>16.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014</b>
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**Minutes:** Kodie Ireland

**Venue:** Coonamble Council Chambers, Coonamble

**Apologies:** Tray Blattman, Adam Roworth, Bianca Birks.

**Present:** Lucy Buckley, Shanaye Kennedy, Dakota Heiken, Samuel Knight, Taylee Milgate, Christine Blattman, Sharna McNamara, Riley Fernando, Cody Newton, Becc Jordison, Grant Millgate, Denzel Ryan, Dwayne Hammond, Bradley McEwan, Lianne Tasker, Mr Bob Townsend

**Meeting opened** – 1.30pm

**1. Welcome** – Lianne welcomed group and, in the absence of the Chairperson, asked for a volunteer to Chair the meeting, Dakota Heiken volunteered.

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**– by Chairperson, Dakota Heiken

**3. Introductions** -everyone introduced themselves and their role

**4. Minutes of previous meeting** – Moved by Shanaye Kennedy, seconded by Sam Knight.

**5. Business arising from last minutes** -

- a) CRL – no dates as yet.
- b) Photo and costs of bucket hats were supplied by Kodie. \$20.00.
- c) Public speaking workshop – no information as yet, contacting TAFE.

***Action: follow up (a) & (c) and report to next meeting – Kodie.***

## **6. General Business**

**Bang the Table** - Football day going ahead – waiting on CRL for dates, and to hear from local services about how they would like to be involved.

### **Youth Forum & Gulargambone Holiday Program**

Groups split into two to discuss planning and ideas. Coonamble members worked on the Youth Forum program. Gulargambone members worked on the Gulargambone Holiday Program.

**Outcomes:** Youth Forum program drafted with ideas for local speakers, guest speakers, topic sessions and session formats.

***Action: information to be added to program for next meeting – Lianne.***

Gulargambone Holiday Program ideas for activities included – ball games, craft activities, board games, computer games, a whole of town treasure hunt/orienteering, the Walgett Police Games Van, a project to “work with our hands” eg: stripping and decorating an old car or designing and painting a mural on the shed at the Oval.

The rules and consequences for the Holiday Program were discussed and agreed:

1. Violence of any kind is unacceptable.
2. Respect yourself and others.
3. Respect all facilities and property around you.
4. Talking disrespectfully about anyone is not allowed.
5. Drugs and alcohol are not allowed.
6. Listen to and respect staff.
7. No smoking is allowed at the Centre.

Consequences –

If the rules are not followed – “Three Strikes”

Asked to leave the centre for the day

On returning to the centre, if still not following the rules, they will be asked to leave for the rest of the day and will not be able to attend the following day – ***strike one.***

If behaviour continues on return – one week suspension – ***strike two.***

After one week suspension from the Centre and still continues not to follow the rules they will be suspended indefinitely, or until he/she, with their parent or carer, meets with staff and Lianne to talk about their behaviour. ***This is strike three.***

**7. Youth Week**

Lianne explained about the Youth Council budget paying for members going to the Youth Week Awards in Sydney, if the Youth Council is nominated as a finalist. Group members who were not present at the last meeting voted on who they would like to represent the Youth Council if the trip happens.

**8. Bop IT**

Group members had a game of Bop It. Some very clever group members formed a team to beat the machine.... But Dakota's high score of 46 was not beaten!

Close – Lianne thanked the group members and closed the meeting.

**Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 1.15pm.**

**16.3 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT CIRCLE HELD ON TUESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

**Present:** David Floyd (Youth Express), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Mark Noonan (APM), Priscilla Harvey (CHS), Robyn Howard (APM), Trish Butler (Joblink), Kate Keizer (CNC), Kristi Logan (AEDO), Sandra Harrison (CRTC), Leah Burnheim (TAFE), Bianca Birks (MA), Lee O'Connor (CSC EDM).

**Apologies:** Chris Scales (DPMC),

**Chair: Shane Kilby. Notes: Lee O'Connor**

**1. Agency / Staff Changes**

- APM – Colin Shuttleworth is the new Employment Consultant.
- AEDO - Kristi is replacing Deon Allen as the Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer based with Orana Business Enterprise Centre.
- Youth Connections – Partnership Broker program and Youth Connections are both not funded from December 2014. We lose the assistance of David Floyd, plus 3 local staff including Bianca Birks, John Lewis and Damien Day. No sign of a replacement program from the Federal Government. No alternative programs in the youth transition (school to work) space. Jo Ellis is still working with the Reconnect Program through Mackillop. Doorways Program (helped with homelessness) is also closing. Inspiration House currently has no worker and funding ends 30 June. DV calls are currently transferred to Cobar service. Medicare Local Community Liaison Officer position ends 30 June. There have been cutbacks to Drug & Alcohol programs but we still have a D&A counsellor.

The loss of these programs was discussed in terms of the additional workload for any remaining programs, loss of service to schools and families, and loss of local jobs. The loss of programs will impact on TAFE, who relied on partnerships with some of these agencies.

More information will be available after 1 July so we can assess job losses and other impacts.

**ACTION:** K Keizer to provide detailed information on service cuts.  
Lee to draft and circulate a letter to M Coultou expressing concern re the impact on employment, post-school transition in an area that has highest rate of youth unemployment, impacts on JSAs, removal of preventative programs which derail disengagement.

## 2. Work for the Dole

Initial meeting to plan local projects was held just prior to this meeting. Getting something going is critical, given that there will be no replacement for the former CDEP. Waged participants were handed their notices today and will be seeking advice on what happens next for them.

There is a trial in other areas from 1 July making Work for The Dole. Eventually, all 16-30 year olds who are unemployed for more than 12 months will be required to do Work for the Dole.

Government is also planning other major changes to unemployment assistance. Changes staggered for implementation to 2015.

Work for the Dole can change lives, help build work ethic, and increase community connections.

The impact of Drug & Alcohol affected participants is a serious issue.

## 3. OPERATION Ag WORKFORCE – Employer Information Event

Proposed date: Wed 10th September, 6pm.

Focus: Finding the Right People to Grow Local Agribusiness

Target: farming, ag supplies, ag contractors, transport, ag machinery, other ag-related businesses

Audience: motivated jobseekers, students interested in ag careers, ag-related employers,

Cost: Jobseekers, students and local employers \$10.

Speakers (confirmed):

Employers: A Munro (Landmark), D Chadwick (Coonamble Feedlot),

Service Providers: JSAs, apprenticeships Centres, Training providers, NCAP, etc. Possible quick presentation on service / assistance available. Info booths to be set up.

**ACTION: K Keizer to check Bowling Club availability, catering & cost. D Floyd to follow up with Roger Fletcher as keynote speaker.**

**K Keizer to invoice: TAFE, Julie Mash cc. Chris Coleman**

**APM**

**Coonamble Shire Council**

**T Butler to check contribution by Joblink Plus.**

**Other agencies to follow up on their possible contribution.**

**Lee to follow up other possible local speakers – W Redington, P Kennedy, TAFE Ag Centre, J Rackham.**

**Lee to prepare a database of invitees.**

**Sub-committee to meet again pre- or post- July CEC meeting.**

## 4. Rural Skills Update

- David F has provided contacts to Adam Macrae with a view to expanding the primary industries program at CHS. Remaining need for funding for a mentor position.

- RDA Orana is preparing an application to hold four Young People in Ag Expos in the region in March 2015. Proposed that Coonamble be one of the sites.
- The Common project –is almost ready to commence. Henry Andrews has won the tender and will work with CHS students rebuilding stockyards etc.

## 5. Driver Training

1. Orana Learner Driver program – final report has been provided but contains student names and cannot be distributed. Issues with program implementation were discussed. Not as well managed as Gilgandra program. Staff changeover and short lead-time due to school holidays were cited.
2. Transport NSW Funding - \$15,000 was received via Coonamble Shire Council in response to letters written to state and federal members last October. Coonamble RTC advised they will not proceed with their 'In Gear' Driver Mentor Program. Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre agreed to auspice and/or co-ordinate a new local project 'Drive Your Life'. Key stakeholders, including Birrang, Neil Milton from TAFE, JSAs, CHS, Cr Walker to attend a meeting to finalise Project Plan and Deliverables.

**Action: Lee to convene meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11am.**

## 6. Supporting Self Employment & Local Business Growth

1. Aboriginal Enterprise Development Program – Kristie advised that she will work with Aboriginal-owned start-ups and existing businesses. Also provides ongoing mentoring and information on business funding. No clients in Coonamble yet. Will liaise with other agencies, especially JSAs.
2. Local Start Ups & Expansion – EDM advised that start-up inquiries have reduced over the past month although she has 2 current.
3. New Enterprise Incentive Scheme – available through Neil Irlam, Business Enterprise Centre.
4. Abattoir – Trish advised possible start date of early August.
5. Connections with Employers – helps if other people let employers know they have keen jobseekers. From previous rural skills meeting - farm employers keen to receive emails from JSAs if staff are available – Lee can forward to her database. Also through Rowena Macrae. Important to tell employers about NCAP and other additional support. Emails should contain facts only, no jargon, be honest, only if someone is available (ready and willing).
6. TAFE Virtual Advisor Program – provides assistance to Aboriginal people to conduct business on-line. **Lee and Kristie to circulate flyer.**

## 7. Community Working Party (CWP)

Our meeting was set to avoid clash with CWP. CWP meeting postponed to 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**ACTION: Lee to attend to invite CWP members to CEC and provide update.**

## 8. General Business

8.1 Work Development Orders – state debt recovery office puts it up for people to work off fines. Lots of paperwork. Lifeline Financial Counselling is registered and Mission Australia. Lifeline Financial Counselling works out of CNC office – can assist jobseekers. Available for referral.

8.2 TVET Funding – Priscilla asked for this to be added to the agenda. To be discussed at next meeting.

8.3 Centrelink Services – Sandra Harrison spoke to her Centrelink supervisor who said any service upgrades are unlikely to happen. Agreed that any improvements are not a bureaucratic issue but need political will. Both Walgett and Lightning Ridge have fully functioning Centrelink Access Offices. Query re promoting on-line services. RTC have two Centrelink computers and a landline but literacy is massive barrier. Staff spend many unpaid hours assisting the elderly and illiterate. Other services JSAs and CNC reported that Centrelink clients are also using their phone lines to access Centrelink – often tie up landlines for 2 hours at a time. RTC could make additional space available. Centrelink would need to cover the costs of line rental, phone calls, room rental.

MPREC Centrelink is open 9am to 2pm, Monday to Thursday.

RTC Centrelink open 9am to 4pm work days for self service. Assistance is provided for 2 hours each day paid by Centrelink.

**Action: Cr Walker to report back on Council's response.  
Trish to re-send email from M Merchant re Centrelink.**

Meeting closed 12.50pm.

## 9. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 15th JULY, 11AM. CSC COMMITTEE ROOM

### 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
<i>EIEIO =</i>	<i>Just Checking to See if You're Paying Attention</i>
ICC =	Indigenous Co-ordination Council (no longer operational)
MPREC =	Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation
NCAP =	New Careers for Aboriginal People
OROC =	Orana Region Organisation of Councils
PMC =	Dept of Prime Minister & Cabinet
RFCS =	Rural Financial Counselling Service
RTC =	Rural Transaction Centre (26 Castlereagh Street Coonamble)
TVET =	
WSC =	Western Student Connections

**16.4 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.**

**Committee Mission:**

**To attract new investment to the district and help existing Coonamble Shire businesses to grow.**

**Present:** Mayor A Karanouh, Cr D Keady, Cr T Cullen, R Warren (GM), Cr B Burnheim, D Swansborough, D Taylor, J Nalder, L O'Connor (CSC EDM)

**Apologies:** A Dent, L Picone (CSC TDM)

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 29.4.14 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

D Taylor/T Cullen

CARRIED.

**2. Business Arising**

2.1 Accommodation – local moteliers have advised L Picone that occupancy rates have dropped. L Picone suggests checking before promoting an opportunity for an additional motel. To be held over till next meeting.

2.2 Eco Spa + Caravan Park – K Humphries' office was contacted re delayed acquisition process. Response advised that sale was imminent.

2.3 Abattoir – issues continue with EPA delays. K Humphries has been notified and is following up. Owners are doing water testing. Safe Foods requirements for approval have been met. An arrangement has been set up with Nyngan abattoir ie. Coonamble plant will not kill goats. Nyngan plant will do all the rendering of Coonamble by-products. This will reduce odour issues for Coonamble.

2.4 Indoor Arena – application to ClubGrants was unsuccessful this round. Next round later this year. Discussion re status of the June Long Weekend Rodeo & Campdraft. Event belongs to the Committee not to Council. Council is keen to help expand. Discussions have commenced re building a week-long festival of other activities around the rodeo. Committee need to reinvest some of their profit into future events. Council has requested a Business Plan. Seating remains an issue. Committee needs to come to Council with a proposal. It is not the role of this ED Committee to work on the event.

2.5 Airfield Accommodation – transportable unit has been delivered and is currently being refurbished. Discussion re the additional opportunities this will create.

2.6 Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station – Lee to check progress.

2.7 Tourism Businesses – Nakadoo are proposing to establish a bush heritage experience centre at their block on the Walgett Road. They are seeking advice and have been referred to various sources of assistance.

2.8 Industrial Estate – Delta Agribusiness have not yet commenced development of their block. Advice is that they are recruiting personnel first.

### 3. Threats to ED in Coonamble Shire

3.1 Changes to TAFE – Cr Burnheim advised that he had received advice of substantial increases in charges for TAFE courses and increased competition by other Registered Training Organisations as a result of changes in NSW Government Policy. Will impact on access to local training, loss of young people from the district. Agreed that this may be an issue for Council to take up. **Information to be supplied to Council for discussion.**

3.2 Drought – Farm Innovation Loans have had good take-up and allocated funds have been exhausted. The recently-opened Debt Restructuring Loans will not be taken up to same extent. NSW government's Freight Subsidy has ended. Waiver of LLS rates has also ended after 6 months instead of 12.

Many producers in the Shire still have not received useful rainfall. Large areas of the Shire remain unstocked and unplanted. The impacts are compounding and will soon become visible in local non-farm business.

Council can 'bang the table' but need good information and some direction. The community and local business also need to be informed and aware. **Information on area under crop and stock numbers to be sought from local agronomists and stock agents, and supplied to Council. Collaboration with Walgett and Brewarrina Shires needs to be encouraged.**

The following supports were tabled as being useful drought measures for sustaining the local economy:

- top up the Innovation Loans
- retain the Family Income Support payment
- provide one-off grants for re-stocking, replanting
- provide Debt Restructuring or Innovation Loans to non-farm small business impacted by drought.

3.3 Impact of Federal Budget – changes to Youth Transition Programs. Loss of local jobs in these services and lack of clarity on government policy to support young people from school into employment. **Need to get facts on service closures, job losses, and on coming programs.**

3.4 NSW Planning Department's Population Projections – recently released population projections are highly negative despite population decline almost neutral from 2006-2010 Census. Agreed by those present that population is still not declining at previous rates. Concern that NSW Government proposes to use the projections for planning infrastructure and services. **Council to get involved in discussions with NSW Planning to provide information on local developments and trends.**

3.5 LLS Services – no further information received from LLS on some of the issues raised including loss of Agronomist positions and drought reporting. EDM advised that a meeting is planned for mid July in Coonamble. Mayor and General Manager will be invited. **Mayor to contact Tom Gavel/Lawrie Dwyer re agronomist position and drought reporting.**

3.6 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council – is downsizing not closing. Selling their property and will seek other premises to lease. Two staff will be retained.

#### 4. Opportunities for ED

4.1 Consular Visit – up to 16 consuls from various countries were invited to Dubbo by Troy Grant MP. RDA Orana produced a glossy A5 flyer to be handed to visitors – tabled by Cr Burnheim. It promotes key features of the regional economy. Suggested that a similar item could be produced for Coonamble Shire. **EDM to investigate as part of revised Economic Profile that is due for completion as part of Council's Operational Plan.**

4.2 English Language courses – the Mayor advised that he has referred a student to Coonamble TAFE to learn English. Discussion re possible opportunity for a business along the lines of the former Australian Language Studies Centre owned by former Councillor Ken Graham which operated out of Gulargambone for some years and then was relocated to Coonamble. **For further consideration/future investigation.**

4.3 Aircraft Mechanic – discussion re potential opportunity for an aircraft engineer/mechanic to establish at Coonamble airport. A similar business was formerly located on Lloyd Parsons' property near Quambone. [Commenced in the 1980s and operated for approx. 25 years until the property changed hands.] **EDM to liaise with Aero Club to conduct market research and scope the opportunity.**

4.4 Driver Training – EDM is currently working with a business proponent who has completed eligibility requirements and is finalising best way of completing necessary training. EDM has been advised of coming changes to RMS driver licensing which should create additional opportunities for private driving instructor/assessors. **For information only.**

4.5 Quambone Fuel – discussion re diminishing likelihood that current Quambone Store proprietors will provide a fuel supply to the village. **EDM to inquire whether Quambone Economic Development & Job Creation Committee still see fuel outlet as top priority.**

4.6 Opportunities as a result of government policy changes – potential for new enterprises based on shifts in government programs and policies. Example of lawn-mowing/gardening services previously provided by CDEP. Work for the Dole participants cannot work on private property. There has been initial interest in establishing a business to address this need. Discussion re potential as a result of Inland Rail, scrub-thinning in state forests/conservation areas. **For further consideration/investigation.**

4.7 World's Biggest Canvas – J Nalder tabled examples of public art projects on smoke stacks and grain silos; Chevrolets half-buried on Route 66 with constantly changing graffiti. Potential to paint Graincorp silos and/or Council water towers via design competition and sponsored painting. [Note: water tower at main oval is due for replacement.] Also, possible sculptures/artwork around the town. Could become part of a touring route similar to Animals on Bikes in central NSW. Mayor advised that Streets Ahead had considered a 3D sculpture of drover + cattle at entry to main street. Looking for quirky idea to show the fun side to the Shire – we have fun where we live. **James to approach Graincorp re possible use of silos.**

Meeting closed 7.30pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 5pm, Council Committee Room.**



**18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY 2014**

**19. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
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