

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
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PRESENT: Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, John Walker, 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, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock 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

4.0 APOLOGIES

0947 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Danny Keady

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations were booked for this meeting.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

0948 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 June 2014 be confirmed.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

(i) Code of Conduct Recommendations

Cr Burnheim referred to the Code of Conduct recommendations and said although he previously apologised to one staff member, he notes that further apologies are required. Cr Burnheim apologised to Council, all Councillors, the General Manager and the Manager of Community Services. He asked whether mediation is being arranged – the General Manager said HR is still endeavouring to secure a mediator – Cr Burnheim said he is prepared to participate in any course Council may determine.

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The General Manager said he is trying to get Code of Conduct training on the same day as the October meeting – as was done previously. Mr Warren referred to the need for all councillors to attend the course annually. The Integrated Planning and Reporting training has been arranged for 13 August 2014 – the day of the Council meeting.

(ii) Coonamble Greyhound Carnival

Cr Schieb referred to the suggestion that the Rodeo & Campdraft Committee may be able to arrange an event at the Showground over the October long weekend. He said Council should support the greyhound club and not allow a second event on the ground. The Mayor reported that this was only a suggestion and will not happen as the Rodeo/Campdraft Committee was not able to secure the date.

(iii) Planning Submission

Cr Schieb referred to the submission he intends to put forward regarding block sizes and having areas included in the LEP for development as hobby farms type development. He referred to some people who own land that could provide for small lots also submitting their objections. The General Manager said research has revealed that a lot of shires have approval for smaller lot sizes for dwellings and perhaps Council does have a valid case. He also referred to submissions received and pointed out they do not have sufficient detail. Their objections must include reasons – otherwise they will be ineffective.

Cr Schieb referred to 'spot assignment areas' and said with community support Council has authority to rezone areas in a specific location. Cr Burnheim suggested that the Manager of Environmental Services contact Moree and Narrabri to ascertain what arguments they put forward to the Department. The Manager said Council has to be careful in doing 'spot' rezoning – it is very expensive and the costs would have to be met by the proposers. The Mayor suggested also to contact other Councils and said if we can get 400ha approved, that would be beneficial and allow for additional blocks to be used for dwellings.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

0949 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

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Business Arising from the Resolution Book Update:

(i) **Eco Spa Development** – Cr Schieb asked whether the eco spa development is still going ahead. The General Manager said Crown Lands advertised its intention to sell the land to Council in The Land Newspaper of 30 June 2014. When the 14 days submission time has expired, the land will be handed over to Council. Following which Council will advertise for an investor.

(ii) **Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park** – Cr Schieb referred to the state of the caravan park and asked whether Council has taken steps to investigate new management. The General Manager said when the new amenities block is completed Council will be in a better position to assess the situation.

0950 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the above information be noted.

9.0 MAYOR'S ACTIVITY REPORT

0951 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the Mayor's activity report be received and dealt with.

9.1 COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW

0952 RESOLVED by Cr Karanouh and Schieb that the information be noted, along with the Mayor's suggestion that other councils in this region be encouraged to join the Association.

9.3 ORANA REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

0953 RESOLVED by Cr Karanouh and Schieb that this information be noted and that the new Regional Action Plan will be released following these consultative processes.

9.3 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

0954 RESOLVED by Cr Karanouh and Schieb that Council note the attendance of the Mayor at this event and the discussion regarding the future of Financial Assistance Grants, drought relief and the sustainability of infrastructure by local government.

Cr Karanouh also advised he and Cr Keady attended the NAIDOC Celebrations at the School.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

0955 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

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

0956 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb 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 from Sunday 19 October to Tuesday 21 October 2014. 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.

0957 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Councillors Cullen and Karanouh attend the Conference from 19 – 21 October 2014.

10.3 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION S3-1

Advising that the National Local Roads and Transport Congress will be held in Tamworth during 12 – 14 November 2014.

The General Manager informed Council that traditionally Council has not attended this congress due to it being held interstate, however this year Council may wish to nominate a representative to attend at Tamworth. Mr Warren pointed out that Council's November meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 which is the first day of the congress; however the congress does not commence until 5.00 p.m.

0958 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Councillors Webb and Walker, along with the Director of Engineering Services, attend this the National Local Roads & Transport Congress from Wednesday to Friday, 12 - 14 November 2014.

10.4 WATERFORD RYAN PR1484-01

0959 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council authorise the affixing of the Seal to the Deed of Appointment of New Trustee for the Coonamble Retirement Units Trust as required.

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.

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The A/Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that it is hoped to have tenders for the work available for the August meeting.

**10.6 THE HON GLADYS BEREJIKLIAN 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. 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. Pointing out the Department advised it would be a long time before the application was processed, as it is currently working on applications submitted from 2007 to 2009.

10.10 WATERFORD RYAN L11(43672)

Referring to Council's lease to Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club and 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 the matter.

10.11 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP – MEMBER FOR BARWON A7(43680)

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.

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10.12 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER D7(43696)

Advising the 2013 CASP round released a range of projects for the region and the 2014 CASP also provided cultural opportunities. Saying the current premises of the Gallery is providing invaluable space and its opportunities are still growing. Referring to the AGM held on 15 March – Council's nominated and accepted delegate is Cr Bill Burnheim with Cr John Walker the alternate.

10.13 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS 05

Advising a letter has been forwarded to The Hon Barnaby Joyce, Minister for Agriculture, concerning Federal government drought assistance. 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 in support.

0960 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.5 to 10.13 be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

0961 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

0962 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that Council note Development Application Nos 006/2014, 007/2014 and 008/2014 have been approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

Cr Walker informed the meeting that, in connection with DA 006/2014, his son is part owner of the land.

11.2 COONAMBLE SCOUT HALL BUILDING L11

0963 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that Council advise Arts Alive Coonamble that should Scouts NSW offer the former 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.

11.3 INTERNAL AUDIT

0964 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen 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.

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The General Manager said currently 6 councils are participating in the OROC arrangement and if the other two councils agree to join the current amount payable by each Council will be less. He said each council has its own committee structure – Mr Warren referred to our external audit of finances and said that we do not want a double-up – with the internal audit providing better value on processes.

In response to what information is available to the internal auditor, Mr Warren said they get what they request which enables them to identify high priority issues which can be programmed over three years. He said some of the recommendations from the Internal Audit are not achievable for this council due to cost restraints and they are advised accordingly.

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

0965 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that the economic development report be received and noted.

Cr Cullen said he wanted to discuss the future of the covered arena within the long term financial plan. He said Councillors should be looking at an achievable outcome – pointing out applications for funding have been rejected by both state and federal bodies on a number of occasions. The Director of Corporate and Urban Services pointed out that finances will not be available to maintain and manage the facility – particularly as it will not be ‘self sufficient’ – and when operation it would have a huge impact on Council’s finances.

The Manager of Environmental Services said we should consider covering the existing arena and increase seating as was proposed when the project was first discussed. The General Manager informed the meeting that since the project has been on the table – within the last 10 years – 15 years – Council has spent in the vicinity of \$500,000 on the concept. Cr Burnheim said he is inclined to agree with Cr Cullen that we should pull back on what we are aiming to achieve.

Cr Schieb referred to Aboriginal Employment Schemes and said funding is available for training of young Aboriginal people and this may be an avenue to be followed. He said the schemes are to provide employment in country towns – Cr Cullen said Council has already had discussions with Murdi Paaki that did not come to anything.

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The Manager of Environmental Services said Council should lodge another development application – cost around \$20,000 – for seating around the current arena noting the seats would become the walls and would be covered, however the arena would remain open.

Councillors agreed that this is the way to proceed with the project.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

0966 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

0967 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the progress report on community service activities be noted.

(i) Library Connections Project

Cr Webb referred to the visit from Anne Dougherty – State Library of NSW – and said it is very pleasing to have received a good report, noting that Ms Dougherty was very satisfied that the services and activities at the Library are aligned with the State Library directions.

(ii) Council Representative – Youth Council

Cr Burnheim noted that since his resignation from this Committee, there is no Council representative on the Youth Council. He was of the opinion that it is important to have a councillor on board – the Mayor agreed to be the new representative on the Coonamble Shire Youth Council.

12.2 COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

0968 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council endorse the recommendations for the location of the bus shelters below, accept grant funding of \$23,972 from Transport for NSW for six bus shelters and authorise the affixing of the Seal on relevant documents:

- Cnr Limerick/Calga Streets
- Cnr Limerick/Edward Streets
- Cnr Smith Street/Greene Avenue
- Cnr Nash/Floyd Streets
- Cnr Dubbo/King Streets
- Cnr Charles/McCullough Streets.

Cr Webb said the shelters must be transportable so they can be relocated to areas of need as demographics of students change.

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12.3 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS – SHADE FOR COONAMBLE POOL

0969 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council apply for funding of \$15,000 for the provision of shade to Coonamble Pool through the Community Building Partnerships Program and allocate matching funding of \$15,000 from operations 2013/2014.

Application for Funding - Aero Club

Cr Schieb referred to the Aero Club's intention to apply for funding under the Community Building Partnerships program. The Mayor said Mr Kevin Humphries is keen for this project to be funded and he would further discuss the matter in Closed Session. The General Manager said that Barwon Electorate has been allocated \$400,000 amongst 13 councils and perhaps there will be applications for a number of projects. He referred to a discussion he had with the Gulargambone Memorial Hall Committee President, who wishes to submit an application for air conditioning/curtains/and acoustics for the Hall – Mr Warren understands the Committee has the matching funds if the application is successful.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

0970 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

0971 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2014 be noted.

The Mayor referred to the sale of land for overdue rates auction which was very successful.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council will be issuing summonses for unpaid rates shortly. He said if any ratepayer is finding it difficult to meet commitments, Council will make an arrangement – but they must approach Council and discuss their position.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

0972 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that the list of investments as 30 June 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.

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13.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (STATE) AWARD 2014

Council noted that the Local Government (State) Award 2010 expired on 1 July 2014 and Local Government NSW has been holding Award briefing sessions to inform councils of proposed changes included in the draft award. Over the next three financial years, the proposed rates of pay increases are :

- 2014/2015 2.6%
- 2015/2016 2.7%
- 2016/2017 2.8%.

0973 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that the information be noted.

13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

0974 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that :

- (1) 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) Council's financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2014 be referred for audit.

13.5 STORES & MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR AND STORES AND MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 01/01/2014 – 30/06/2014

0975 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$1,077.67, as shown below, for period 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2014:

Excess:

Stores No	Description	Qty	Amount (\$)
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 ¾ F&F	3	52.23
	<i>Total</i>		1,077.67

Items Unaccounted For: NIL

13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0976 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information contained in this section of the report be noted

Cr Schieb inquired whether all incidents of vandalism are reported to the police – the Director replied that graffiti issues and the like are dealt with, however any criminal acts – setting fires in toilets, break and enters – are always reported. Cr Schieb asked are the cameras being used and can the offenders be identified – the Director said they are checked on a daily basis and a log is kept of incidents.

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URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND URBAN SERVICES

0977 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following item be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

13.7 PURCHASE OF BARBEQUE

0978 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that Council purchase a suitable barbeque for use at the Gulargambone pool, at an estimated cost of \$1,000 to be funded from the existing maintenance vote, noting the barbeque will be stored at the pool and free use will be provided to patrons of the pool.

At this juncture, 10.29 a.m. the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.50 a.m.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

0979 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Schieb that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 PROPOSED CLOSURE – END OF FLOYD STREET

The A/Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that a request had been received to consider closing the end of Floyd Street to prevent vehicle access through Eurimie Creek due to unauthorised use, especially by motor bikes.

0980 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council agree to install a guard rail barrier to prevent vehicle access to the creek, allowing pedestrian access as well as access to the land-locked blocks.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

0981 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

Cr Schieb referred to two culverts on the Walgett Road, badly in need of maintenance. The A/Director said she understood the RMS has highway works programmed and they will be included in that program. He also referred to bitumen breaking up near Kelly's property on the outskirts of town – the A/Director reported that major works are programmed for this area shortly. A question was asked regarding a contractor carrying out works north of Coonamble – the A/Director said Council may get some sub-contract works from this.

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15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

0982 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY

0983 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim 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.

The Manager of Environmental Services said Council needs to have a definite policy on the keeping of animals in urban areas, as there seems to be confusion about the keeping of cattle. He said that should a submission be received from a landowner wishing to keep stock, zoning of the area may be considered.

15.2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT – LOT 2 “YATTON”

Council previously resolved to subdivide the property into three individual allotments of 2.022ha each for private sale. The meeting noted that when the property was purchased it was divided into five lots, with the existing dwelling on Lot 1 and the residence Council constructed on Lot 2 – both fronting the Carinda Road. The blocks for subdivision are Lots 3, 4 and 5 with access via the lane running along the western boundary.

Cr Schieb suggested that trees be planted around the Council houses at “Yatton” to improve the aesthetics of the area. The Director of Corporate and Urban Services said he would investigate the purchase of trees.

0984 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council proceed with the development of Lots 3, 4 and 5 as shown on the plan of subdivision submitted to the meeting.

15.3 RANGER’S REPORT – JUNE 2014

0985 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the report by the Ranger for the month of June 2014 be noted.

Cr Burnheim reported that dogs destroying sheep is an ongoing problem – he had had another incident recently involving two dogs. The Manager of Environmental Services was requested to make enquiries regarding a premises in Coonamble which has a lot of dogs – allegedly pig dogs – in an area where there are children.

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16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

0986 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the following reports be noted.

0987 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the minutes of the following meetings be noted:

16.1 Coonamble Shire Youth Council - minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2014.

16.2 Coonamble Shire Youth Council - minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2014.

16.3 Coonamble Employment Circle – *minutes of meeting held on 10 June 2014.*

16.4 Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee – minutes of meeting held on 25 June 2014.

0988 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that the minutes of this meeting be received and dealt with.

In discussing these minutes Councillors referred to the impact of the drought and considered information in the report submitted by the Economic Development Manager. Cr Burnheim said if we could have a 'natural disaster' declaration for drought it would make things better for rural producers – it was acknowledged that the drought already has had a big impact on the town and businesses. One way governments could help is by offering 15 year loans with low interest – the offer of a five year loan is not realistic.

Councillors agreed that Council should lobby for a drought declaration and push for relief for farmers and rural producers through OROC, as well as any media outlets available. The Mayor suggested that there would be the opportunity to discuss the matter with the Minister for Agriculture at the OROC meeting to be held in Sydney. Cr Burnheim said any assistance, even rate relief, would be of benefit.

0989 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council:

(a) lobby government ministers, pointing out Coonamble Shire is in a very fragile state

(b) further advise rate commitments may not be met resulting in a negative impact on Council funding

(c) point out the need for multi purpose insurance to be considered and made available as a long term solution

(d) demand immediate relief for the Shire area, referring to 15 year loans being made available at low interest

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(e) seek support through OROC and include the lack of assistance for farmers and rural producers as a motion to the Local Government NSW conference.

17.0 REPORT BY SALEYARDS MANAGER

0990 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the report by the Manager – Saleyards & Facilities be received.

Cr Cullen questioned the income/expenditure figures provided in the report – the Director of Corporate & Urban Services advised they were for the first six months of 2014.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

0991 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker 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"*

0992 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

0993 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

0994 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council adopt the following recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 and 18.2:

18.1 Sale of Council Property – Cnr Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets, Coonamble

That Council seek expressions of interest from local licensed agents to auction the property, setting a reserve price as agreed at the meeting.

18.2 Proposed Activities – Coonamble Aerodrome

That Council commit \$50,000 to the Coonamble Aero Club if the Club's application for funding for the construction of a hangar is successful, noting \$25,000 will be sourced from the covered arena reserve and \$25,000 from the development fund.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

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20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Asked who is responsible for control of box thorn on the Quambone reserve – the General Manager advised Castlereagh Macquarie County Council is the authority to enforce landowners to take action. Cr Webb referred to the two employees from CMCC having recently carried out inspections in the Quambone area and notices will be served to control box thorn/weeds on properties.
- Referred to increase in malicious damage incidents, break ins and other criminal activity – noted that the Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting will be held on 29 July – will discuss policing and drug issues at that meeting.

Cr Cullen:

- Referred to information supplied this morning regarding Sister City Brother Bush – pilot partnership between City of Sydney Council and Coonamble Shire Council – requested the General Manager to liaise with Mrs Kennedy and report to the August meeting.
- Referred also to the request for road signs – indicating Coonamble Shire is a NO GO region for coal seam gas – Council to consider at August meeting.

Cr Burnheim:

- Asking how the Wi-Fi is operating – the Mayor said it is having a lot of use – it was noted that it's on a 12 months trial – it was requested that signage be erected indicating it is available.
- Advising he will be an apology from the August and September meetings.

Director of Community Services:

- Suggested that Council might like to have Mr Bobby Jones, the Drug and Alcohol Worker and Chair of the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Group, address a future meeting. It was agreed that Mr Jones be invited to a meeting.

Cr Karanouh:

- Requested that dead trees in the streets be replaced
- Will discuss issues with OROC
- Referred to the need for trees to be planted in King Street adjacent to the oval.

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Cr Cullen:

- Referred to the proposed Spring Festival – asked whether there is interest. The Director of Community Services advised that the Tourism Development Manager has brochures out – trying to ascertain if it will be supported – the Director said the aim is to find out what appeals to locals – indication is that most do not want it associated to rodeo – there was no interest in supporting the festival financially – that responsibility would be left to Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

These Pages (1/5492 to 16/5507) were confirmed on the THIRTEENTH day of AUGUST 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 JULY 2014.

MAYOR