

**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, Danny Keady, 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

There are four bookings for the meeting as follows:

- Mike Svikis/Wayne Garnsey/Jessica Holland (LEP)
- Anne Hull & Others (Coonamble/Warren road)
- Kate Carey (TAFE)
- Kevin Buckley (Warrena Weir Recreation land)

4.0 APOLOGIES

1064 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Bill Burnheim.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF COONAMBLE LEP 2011

At this juncture, Mr Mike Svikis, Mr Wayne Garnsey and Ms Jessica Holland were received to the meeting to discuss with Council the next step towards the amendment of the LEP 2011.

Councillors noted that a report from the consultant was included in the business paper, together with recommendations for consideration.

Mr Svikis referred to his previous discussions with Council and the exhibition of the document proposing the three changes to the current LEP, which were:

- IN1 Industrial zone boundary (vicinity of Railway Street)
- B2 Local Centre boundary (southern side of Coonamble)
- Minimum Lot Size in some R5 Large Lot Residential land (Effie Durham Drive).

Council noted that the submissions received did not address the three issues that have received Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning.

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Mr Svikis said, in his opinion, Council should proceed with its submission to the Department of Planning requesting changes to the three issues detailed above and address other issues separately. He said it seems those people who took the time to provide submissions were, for the most part, interested in rural residential holdings with dwelling entitlements and large residential blocks of 2ha with dwelling entitlement.

The meeting was informed that in 2009 Council had the opportunity to adopt the Regional Rural Residential Strategy, however it did not adopt the strategy. He said there was consultation with landholders and Messrs Lewis and Kennedy were representatives on the working party at that time.

Mr Svikis said Council needs to re-develop a residential strategy prior to making any further approach to the Department of Planning for changes to its LEP. In response to a question from Cr Keady, Mr Svikis said to do this would take around six months and cost in the vicinity of \$10,000.

Mr Garnsey, from the Department of Planning, said that the Department is prepared to look at a strategy for developing rural residential zonings, but Council must go through the process. He said the Department does not tell councils what lot sizes they must have – saying there first needs to be a study to identify issues applicable and these findings then support any submission to the Department

Cr Cullen said Council has been endeavouring to have the 1000ha minimum changed for many years, however the Department has always responded that it will not change. Cr Webb said when the 1000ha was first introduced, the Department was of the opinion that any less area than this in Coonamble Shire would not be sustainable. Mr Svikis said that whilst Council does not want 1000ha, it has to identify a lot size that is 'right' which would entail comprehensive community consultation.

Mr Garnsey said his department is happy to work with Council and help it through the processes which must be followed prior to making any further submission for changes to the current LEP.

At this juncture, 9.55 a.m., Mr Svikis, Mr Garnsey and Ms Holland left the meeting and the Mayor welcomed Mrs Anne Hull and others to address the meeting.

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SAFETY CONCERNS - COONAMBLE/WARREN ROAD

Mr Hull thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting to put forward safety concerns for users of the Coonamble/Warren Road. He said that there has been a huge increase in the number of heavy vehicles along the road and action needs to be taken to improve conditions. He said that those present at the meeting will support Council in making application to change the status of the road and will help lobby for funds to improve travelling conditions.

Mrs Hull then addressed the meeting saying that the width of the road is a problem and is insufficient to cater for road users. The school bus operator also spoke of safety concerns and the need for trucks to adhere to traffic regulations, saying even when the bus has flashing lights going, the truck drivers are not slowing down.

The Mayor informed the delegation that the Coonamble/Warren Road is a priority and Council has made a joint submission with Warren Shire for funding to widen the road. He said Council has had a traffic counter on the road registering the number of vehicles and he has asked that the police patrol the area more regularly.

Mrs Hull said the area is also a gazetted travelling stock route and there have been incidents of stock being killed or maimed. She said she would be interested in seeing a comparison of traffic numbers on RR7515 and the Highway.

The General Manager thanked the deputation for its support and said that because the road has a 'regional road' classification trucks of 53 metres in length are legal – the Coonamble/Warren Road has the same classification as the Carinda Road, Pilliga Road and the Baradine Road. He said Council had made application for funding under the REPAIR program, but was unsuccessful. However, further attempts will be made to get funding and representations will be made to the Roads & Maritime Services and the Police. Mr Warren said Council will also lobby the local member to assist in its endeavours.

The delegation thanked Council and left the meeting at 10.13 a.m. the Mayor then welcomed Ms Kate Carey, from TAFE, to address the meeting.

CHANGES TO DELIVERY OF SERVICES - TAFE

Ms Carey informed Council that from January 2015 vocational education and training in NSW will change, however TAFE will continue to deliver high quality, industry relevant training to people across western NSW. She said there is no proposal to close Coonamble Campus. Ms Carey handed out information brochures to Councillors for their perusal.

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At this juncture, the General Manager was called from the meeting.

She said the changes proposed will impact on TAFE and some of the key issues will be changes to student fees and loans, eligibility for government subsidised training, must be left school and be 15 years or older.

Councillors asked questions concerning the method of payment for some courses – Ms Carey said TAFE is looking at introducing an instalment process for students in some cases. She said that funding received by TAFE will be directly linked to the number of enrolments, the qualifications students enrol in and completion of those qualifications.

She also said that the government has invited tenders for the provision of service providers and TAFE has submitted a tender. Ms Carey said she hopes the community will support TAFE because if this does not happen there is no guarantee of TAFE being able to sustain its Coonamble campus. She pointed out that currently TAFE has 33 specialist mobile units in western NSW for students to take advantage of and it will be marketing its ability to service rural communities better than other providers. Ms Carey said that Mrs Leah Burnheim is in charge of the Student Engagement Officers who will be promoting the benefits of TAFE in the coming months.

The Mayor thanked Ms Carey for making time available to address Council and she left the meeting at 10.30 a.m. – at this juncture, the General Manager returned to the meeting.

MR KEVIN BUCKLEY – LAND ADJACENT TO WARRENA CREEK WEIR

Mr Buckley thanked Council for allotting him a time and referred to his request at last meeting to lease land situated adjacent to the Warrena Creek weir. He said he understood that Council was under the wrong impression as to where exactly the land was located.

He produced a map of the area, showing the land, which is at the back of the weir on the far side of the creek. Mr Buckley said he would like to reiterate his expression of interest in the land.

The Mayor said Council would consider his request later in the meeting and Mr Buckley left the meeting at 10.36 a.m. – when it adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.06 a.m.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No formal deputations were booked for this meeting.

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6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1065 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 August 2014 be confirmed.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

(i) Bus Shelters

The A/Director of Engineering Services advised that all locations for the bus shelters have been identified – some have been resited so as not to cause concern to householders in the vicinity.

(ii) Kevin Buckley – Item 10.10

The General Manager said this resolution would not need to be rescinded as the subject land is not the same as considered previously by Council and Council can consider the matter following Mr Buckley's attendance earlier in the day.

1066 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council invite expressions of interest for land adjacent to the Warrena Creek weir, identified by Mr Buckley at this meeting.

(iii) Saleyards Figures

Cr Keady asked whether the A/Director of Engineering Services has provided figures to the Coonamble Associated Agents as promised at the recent Saleyards meeting – the A/Director said she is still working on the breakdown of the expenditure items.

(iv) Gravel Stockpile - Culvert

Cr Keady said he has been advised that the culvert in this location is too small – as it will block small top moderate flooding over the landholder's property. The A/Director said the RMS has done calculations and says the size of the culvert is suitable.

1067 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council write to the Roads & Maritime Services putting forward the landowner's concerns and asking that the size of the structure be reviewed.

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(v) Levee Tender

The A/Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that work would commence within 4 – 6 weeks. She said the contractor is endeavouring to secure a licence from the Office of Water to extract from the weir to use in conjunction with the work.

(vi) Green Army

Cr Schieb asked whether information has been received concerning the availability of participants who may be able to work on clearing the river bed. The General Manager said a letter has been provided, advising Council will support the scheme – he said that projects that could be undertaken were the sheep pavilion at the showground, cleaning up in the Eurimie Creek area and the river clean up.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1068 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising from the Resolution Book Update:

(i) Caravan Park Improvements

The Manager of Environmental Services informed Council that tenders for the Caravan Park works have been called, with a closing date of 22 September. A report will be submitted to the October meeting.

(ii) House Numbering

This matter was discussed – the General Manager said that an advertisement has been placed, calling for expressions of interest. Councillors discussed the legal implications regarding the fixing of numbers to properties.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

9.1 Meeting with Premier of NSW, The Hon Mike Baird MP

The Mayor provided a written report on his meeting, in company with Cr Keady and the General Manager, with the Premier of NSW, The Hon Mike Baird at Weilmoringle on 27 August 2014. He said Coonamble's situation relative to the drought was put forward, however there has been no response from the Premier.

1069 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Karanouh that the Mayor's report be noted.

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10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1070 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D7(44049)

Requesting Council to consider being major sponsor for the 2014 Buy Local Campaign and seeking an increased contribution of \$7,500.

The General Manager pointed out that in 2012 Council's contribution was \$4,000 and in 2014 \$6,000, as well as the \$1,600 annually for the Keep Coonamble Kicking Campaign.

1071 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council agree to contribute \$7,500 from the donations vote to the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce for the 2014 Keep Coonamble Kicking Campaign.
3 votes for/3 votes against –carried on the Mayor's casting vote.

10.2 CATHY PURDY, BARADINE D7(44066)

1072 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council not provide any financial support to Ms Cathy Purdy, the only participate in this area taking part in a charity bike ride for Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service from 12 – 19 September.

10.3 OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS NSW D5

Forwarding an invitation to join the small business friendly councils program. The General Manager said that he cannot see this initiative having any real benefit – saying Council does its best to purchase locally in accordance with its purchasing policy and always pays accounts immediately. He said that it will have implications on the Integrated Planning and Reporting. The Mayor said he feels it would benefit businesses in the Shire.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Webb **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that Council note the information and not join the Small Business Friendly Councils Program,
WAS LOST

1073 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council accept the invitation and join the Small Business Friendly Councils Program.

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10.4 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(44078)

Seeking a donation of 100 tonne of 20mm road base and 50 tonne of concrete mix from Council.

The General Manager advised the meeting that Council's adopted charges (including GST) for the products are as follows:

- 20mm aggregate \$13.75/tonne 100 tonne = \$1,375.00
- Concrete mix \$40.63/tonne 50 tonne = \$2,031.50

1074 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council agree to contribute \$2,000 from the development fund to be paid to the Coonamble Clay Target Club's sundry debtor account for the quarry product. *4 votes/2 votes.*

10.5 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SHED L11(44094)

1075 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council agree to extend the Coonamble Community Shed Inc's lease of the shed at the rear of Council owned premises at 32 Yarran Street, Coonamble under the same terms and conditions, for a further three year term commencing 1 October 2014.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

10.6 INLAND NSW TOURISM T3-12(43995)

Advising that the Board of Destination NSW invited the Inland NSW Board to a joint function for the directors and senior staff of both boards to meet with many of the local industry operators. Saying that Inland NSW was the first RTO Board that the DNSW Board has invited to meet and gratifying to be told that Inland NSW is considered the benchmark by DNSW.

10.7 NSW BEAUTIFUL K1(44054)

Thanking Council for renewing its membership and saying that over the last twelve months there has been growth and change and saying that this trend will continue over the next year.

10.8 COONAMBLE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW L3(44058)

Thanking staff for replacing the Association's sign at the sportsground and saying the Coonamble Branch celebrated its 89th anniversary in June and it is proud to be seen beside other worthy organizations in the town.

10.9 NSW GOVERNMENT – THE TREASURY H5(43993)

Referring to the administrative process for councils to apply to the Minister for declaration of local public holidays and local event days under the *Public*

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Holidays Act 2010 and advising Council to consult with relevant stakeholders, such as chamber of commerce, local banks, major employers and local schools within its LGA.

The General Manager advised that letters have been forwarded to relevant organizations seeking their input and a notice has been placed in the Coonamble Times inviting comment. He said the matter will be listed on the October meeting agenda for determination by Council.

10.10 THE HON BARNABY JOYCE, MP D9-1(44073)

Thanking Council for its correspondence about the ongoing drought – saying he appreciates the information sent on the impact dry conditions are having in the Coonamble Shire. Encouraging Council to promote the assistance currently available, such as the Farm Household Allowance, concessional loans for drought-affected farmers and mental health and social support.

10.11 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP A7

Forwarding a copy of correspondence from The Hon Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Medical Research regarding the ambulance service at Coonamble. A copy of the letter was included in the business paper.

Councillors noted that this letter is in response to Council's concerns regarding the alleged unavailability of the ambulance service in Coonamble in recent emergencies.

10.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW S6-6(43987)

Providing information regarding the LGNSW Learning Solutions: July to December 2014 Calendar for Mayor and Councillors. A copy of this program was included with the business paper.

10.13 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET O5

Forwarding a copy of *Rebuilding NSW Discussion Paper* which contains information relating to the potential sale and lease of the electricity "poles and wires" network. Advising that written submissions are due by 19 September 2014. A copy of the Paper was included with each Councillor's business paper

10.14 NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL A2(44050)

Advising that the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) Conference will be held in Narrandera from 10 – 12 September 2014. Inviting Council to register for the event and saying the conference forms part of the suite of NSW Local Government conferences held annually throughout the State.

1076 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos 10.6 to 10.14 inclusive be noted.

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URGENT BUSINESS - SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

1077 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

10.15 HUGHENDEN PARTNERSHIP (ANNE HULL) MR7515(44132)

Council noted that Mrs. Hull and other landholders within the vicinity of the Warren/Coonamble Road addressed the meeting earlier in the day.

1078 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council write to the Roads and Maritime Services, the police and Warren Shire Council advising the concerns of residents along this road and lobby the local member to secure funding for widening the road.

10.16 GULARGAMBONE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE INC. C13

Inviting the Mayor and councillors to the Annual General Meeting of the Gulargambone RTC to be held on Monday 15 September at 7.00 p.m. in the Twoeighttwoeight building. Saying a light supper will be provided.

1079 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the date of the AGM be noted and an apology submitted on behalf of the Mayor and General Manager.

10.17 ROTARY DOWN UNDER L7

1080 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council liaise with Rotary Down Under to arrange suitable sites for clean up on Graffiti Removal Day - Sunday 26 October 2014.

10.18 QUAMBONE POLOCROSSE CLUB INC D7(44139)

Seeking Council support to help raise \$1,000 to assist one of its members play for NSW in a junior polocrosse team at Perth Royal Show on 2 October. Stating the selected member is required to purchase a travelling uniform, playing uniform and formal uniform, as well as her plan ticket. Advising the Club is currently fundraising, but with limited time and opportunities, encouraging Council to assist.

1081 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that Council advise the Quambone Polocrosse Club that due to budget constraints it is unable to provide financial support to the junior member who has been selected to play in a junior polocrosse team at Perth Show.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1082 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1083 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note Complying Development Application No 010/2014 has been approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

Cr Schieb requested that Council advertise the fact that people living in rural areas have to make application for a development application prior to construction of any building. The Manager of Environmental Services advised that structures of 200 sq.metres can be erected without approval, however it is always prudent to check with Council's Environmental Services department.

11.2 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY

Council noted that one submission was received concerning this policy – the General Manager said that staff rely on the adopted policy to support their actions in situations that may arise. Councillors felt that the size of the property referred to in the submission was sufficient to allow cattle to be kept, however the Manager said that odour was a problem and if there are complaints from residents in the vicinity, the cattle would have to be moved.

1084 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Scheib Council not formally adopt the policy at this stage and the Manager of Environmental Services provide a report to the October meeting advising what blocks within the residential area of Coonamble would be permitted to have cattle kept thereon.

11.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1085 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the information contained in the economic development report be noted.

The following matters were mentioned:

- Smith Park – Eco Spa land – it was noted that the transfer of this land to Council is being effected.
- ClubGRANTS – Councillors noted that an application for funding under this program will be submitted for separate filtration systems for the pools.

URGENT BUSINESS – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES REPORT

1086 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that this item be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

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13.6 ClubGRANTS Category 3 – Coonamble Pool

1086 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Schieb that application be made under the ClubGRANTS program for funding to provide separate filtration systems to the pools at Coonamble Swimming Complex and that Council's contribution of \$50,000 be sourced from budget review September 2014.

1087 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that if Council is able to submit two applications for funding under ClubGRANTS, it make a second one for upgrading of lights at Coonamble Sportsground, noting that the pool is the priority.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1088 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

1089 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the information contained in the community services progress report be noted.

(i) *Item 1.5* – Cr Cullen asked about the project that the group is currently working on – the Director said that it is an application for funding extra workers in the early intervention of drug/alcohol abuse.

Council noted that if the building that currently houses vacation care is sold, another site has to be chosen. The Mayor referred to the premises known as the Olive Press Church and said it is for sale, has recently been renovated and Council should inspect the building.

In discussing use of the Senior Citizens Hall, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said the estimated cost to fix the roof of the hall is \$24,000.

12.2 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE SERVICE

The Director submitted a report of options for Council to determine the venue for vacation care following the sale of the premises in which it is currently conducted.

1090 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council not inspect the Olive Press building; that it allocate funds to the Senior Citizens Hall for repairs to the roof and relocate Coonamble Vacation Care service to the Senior Citizens building, effective from 5 January 2015.

Council noted that the Director of Community Services will liaise with the Senior Citizens Association members to negotiate the use of the hall.

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13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1091 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1092 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 August 2014 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1093 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the list of investments as 31 August 2014 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 FINAL RATE CERTIFICATE FOR YEAR 2013/2014

1094 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council note the Final Rate Certificate for the year 2014/2014 and authorise the affixing of the Seal to the certificate.

13.4 RATE CERTIFICATE AT LEVY 2014/2015

1095 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council note the Rate Certificate at Levy for the year 2014/2015 and authorize the affixing of the Seal to the certificate.

13.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1096 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the works in progress as submitted by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be noted.

The Director informed Council as follows:

- The contractor for the auto-dosing system at the pool will be here during the second week of October
- Expressions of interest have been invited for the conduct of the kiosk at the pool for the coming season
- Slashing and mowing at the Airport will be carried out this week.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1097 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

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14.1 BUS STOP – RSL COURTESY BUS

1098 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council endorse the recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee which declines the request from the RSL Sub-Branch for a bus stop opposite the RSL Club in Castlereagh Street.

14.2 DISH DRAIN – DUBBO STREET

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Walker and Webb that Council leave the drain as is and install additional signage, **WAS LOST**.

1099 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council improve the dish drain at an estimated cost of \$60,000 and install additional signage and that funding be provided from the Urban Roads vote.

Council noted that a report on the amended Urban Roads Program will be submitted to the October meeting, detailing what works have been dropped to allow improvements to the above crossing.

14.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1100 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the works in progress report supplied by the A/Director of Engineering Services be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1101 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS' GRANT

1102 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that Council agree to provide \$1,500 and participate in the OROC plan.

15.2 REVIEW OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

Council noted that its consultant and members of the Department of Planning attended the meeting earlier in the day, when discussions on this matter were discussed.

1103 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that Council:

- 1) Endorse the making of the Planning Proposal (as submitted to the meeting) and resulting multiple changes to Coonamble LEP 2011 and refer the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to be made;

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- 2) Direct staff to obtain quotes to prepare a draft rural residential strategy (based on the 2009 Western Councils' Sub Regional Strategy) and draft planning proposal to review the land that is available for rural residential purposes within 5 kilometres of the town of Coonamble;
- 3) Direct staff to obtain quotes to prepare a draft rural lands strategy that specifically reviews the MLS for land zoned RU1 in Coonamble LGA to consider if the current 1000ha MLS for a lot with a dwelling entitlement is appropriate.

15.3 RANGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2014

1104 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report provided by the Ranger for the month of August 2014 be noted.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30/6/2014

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services presented the quarterly budget review to 30 June 2014. He said that Council has a surplus of \$674,000 which has come, mainly, from quarry sales and savings on the highway. The Director invited Councillors to go through the financial report and ask questions. Cr Keady asked on what basis TCorp bases its findings – the Director said it includes internal transactions and depreciation.

1105 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that Council:

- 1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- 2) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
- 3) note the position of Council's estimated reserves at 30 June 2014.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1106 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following reports (Item Nos. 17.1 to 17.6) be noted.

- 17.1 *Coonamble Senior Citizens Association-*** minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2014.
- 17.2 *Coonamble Employment Circle – minutes of meeting held on 12 August 2014.***
- 17.3 *Notes from Information Session on Emissions Reduction-*** held in Dubbo on 26 August 2014. Councillors also noted further information on this matter was included with the business paper.
- 17.4 *Meeting with Small Business Commissioner – notes from meeting held in Gilgandra on 29 August 2014.***
- 17.5 *Minutes of Quarry Management Committee – meeting held on 26 August 2014.***
- 17.6 *Notes from Saleyards Management Committee – meeting held on 26 August 2014.***

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17.7 Country Mayors' Association of NSW – minutes of meeting held in Sydney on 8 August 2014.

1107 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the minutes of the Country Mayors' Association be noted.

17.8 OROC Board – minutes of meeting held in Dubbo on 15 August 2014.

1108 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the minutes of the OROC Board meeting be noted.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

1109 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that the Saleyards report be received and noted.

Cr Cullen requested a breakdown of the figures and also asked that the information sought by the Coonamble Associated Agents regarding a breakdown of income/expenditure be provided as a priority.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

1110 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady 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"

1111 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

Councillor Schieb left the room while the following matter was being discussed.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

1112 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1113 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council adopt the following recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 19.1:

19.1 Ray White Real Estate – Sale of Lot 29 Hooper Drive

That Council formally accept the offer of \$37,500 for Lot 29 Hooper Drive and authorise the affixing of the Seal to the relevant documents.

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20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Allegations are being made that residents along the river in Gilgandra shire have been pumping water for irrigation for the past two years and following the recent 7 – 8 inches of rain water has not reached Coonamble. Requested that Council contact the local member requesting him to investigate the situation.
- Problems with pigeons roosting – causing health problem at hotels – the GM advised it is property owners responsibility to control this situation and Council can issue Orders for them to comply. The Manager of Environmental Services said that he is getting a price from a contractor to destroy the birds.
- Boxthorn on Council land – requested that Council take action to clear its land of boxthorn. Suggested that an advertisement be placed in the local paper informing landowners they are responsible for the eradication and control of boxthorn.
- Referred to crime statistics just released – said Council was advised by police about six weeks ago that it was declining – this was the wrong information and he requested that Council write to the Police. The Mayor said he has already written to Supt Jim Stewart on this matter.

Cr Cullen:

- Requested that the speed limit on the approaches to Coonamble be 60kph and that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Traffic Committee.

Cr Keady:

- Referred to auction of Council land/building cnr Tooloon/Castlereagh Streets – asked whether there are any conditions. The GM said there are none – the area is zoned B2 and is being offered as one lot.

Cr Webb:

- Referred to the overgrown state of the land at Combara Hall and said immediate action should be taken to clear the area – said he will mention to the RFS to take action.

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Mayor:

- Requested that the toilets at the RTC be repainted.
- Referred to toilets being available at the cemetery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

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MAYOR