

1 October 2014

**The next meeting of Coonamble Shire Council  
will be held at the Memorial Hall, Quambone on  
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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

9.30 a.m. **QUAMBONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
*Painting of Quambone Hall.*

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**7.1 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE  
SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.00  
A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cr Allan Karanouh, Cr Michael Webb, Cr. John Walker, Cr Danny Keady, Cr Tom Cullen and Cr Don Schieb.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Ms Atkins, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr Quarmby the Director of Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

**APOLOGY**

**1056 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Burnheim.

**BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:**

**1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The General Manager informed the meeting that it was his duty to act as Returning Officer for the Election of the Mayor. He informed the meeting he had received the following nominations:

- Cr. Ahmad (Allan) Karanouh
- Cr Michael Webb

**2. METHOD OF VOTING**

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, informed the meeting that the method of voting must be determined and it could be any one of the following:

- Open Voting (show of hands)
- Ordinary Ballot
- Preferential Ballot

Councillors unanimously voted on the method of voting be show of hands (open voting).

At this juncture the General Manager, as Returning Officer, advised that the above two nominations are valid – no further nominations were forthcoming.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, requested a show of hands, with the following result:

- Cr Allan Karanouh                      4 votes
- Cr Michael Webb                        2 votes

The Returning Officer therefore declared Cr Allan Karanouh elected for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

### **3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor. Two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received, being Cr. Dan Keady and Cr Michael Webb.

Open voting for the position resulted in Cr Danny Keady (4 votes) defeating Cr Michael Webb (2 votes).

The Returning Officer declared Cr Dan Keady duly elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing 12 months in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

At this juncture, Mr Warren resumed his role as General Manager and handed the meeting to the Mayor. Incoming Mayor Karanouh took the Chair and thanked Councillors for their support.

### **4. ELECTION OF VARIOUS COUNCIL COMMITTEES (1 Year Term)**

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Council Committee (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

- (a) Saleyards Management Committee:**  
Councillor Cullen and Councillor Keady

- (b) OROC Code of Conduct Review Panel:**

The meeting noted that Council is a member of the OROC Code of Conduct Review Panel – Mr David Taylor is no longer Council's delegate.

- (c) Council's Internal Audit Committee:**  
Councillor Webb                      Alternate: Councillor Karanouh

- (d) Quarry Management Committee:**  
Councillor Schieb and Councillor Webb (plus Mayor)  
Alternate: Councillor Cullen

- (e) Floodplain Risk Management Committee:**  
Councillor Webb, Councillor Walker and Councillor Keady.

**(f) Other Committees:**

The General Manager pointed out that, over the life of the Council, it may be prudent and/or necessary to form other Committees and these may be either permanent or “sunset”.

**1057 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that delegates, as shown, be appointed to the following Council Committees for the ensuing one year term.

**5. ELECTION OF DELEGATES - VARIOUS OUTSIDE COMMITTEES  
(One Year Term)**

**(a) Traffic Facilities Committee:**

Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Webb

**(b) Bush Fire Management Committee:**

Councillor Webb                      Alternate: Councillor Karanouh)

**(c) Great Inland Way Tourist Promotions:**

Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Keady

**(d) Outback Arts:**

Councillor Burnheim                      Alternate Councillor Walker

**(e) Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Committee:**

Councillor Cullen and Councillor Keady

**(f) Local Emergency Management Committee:**

Councillor Cullen, Councillor Keady and Councillor Webb

Councillors noted that the Local Emergency Management Committee does not have authority in times of emergencies, as the State Emergency Service is the “declared combat agency).

**(g) Closed Circuit Television Committee:**

Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Schieb

**(h) Employment Circle:**

Councillor Karanouh and Councillor Walker

**(i) Eco Spa Project Management Committee:**

Councillor Karanouh, Councillor Cullen and Councillor Keady.

**1058 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that delegates, as shown, be appointed to the various Outside Committees for the ensuing one year term.

## 6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL – SECTION 355

The meeting noted that the Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall be a member of every Committee of Council (cl. 260(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005).

The General Manager advised the meeting that Council cannot appoint a staff member to any Committee, it must delegate the General Manager.

- (a) **Quambone Resources Committee:**  
Councillor Burnheim
- (b) **Coonamble Senior Citizens Association:**  
Councillor Walker and Councillor Burnheim
- (c) **Gulargambone Memorial Hall Committee :**  
Councillor Karanouh                      Alternate: Councillor Keady
- (d) **Coonamble Shire Youth Council:**  
Councillor Webb                              Alternate: Councillor Schieb
- (e) **Coonamble Heritage & Museum under the Bridge Cttee:**  
Councillor Webb and Councillor Walker
- (g) **Mayor's Fire Appeal - Conn Family:**  
Mayor and General Manager  
The Committee also consists of Mr David Ryan, Mr Geoff Secombe, Mrs Anne Wiatkowski; Mrs Kylie Parry; Mrs Elizabeth Head.
- (h) **Combara Hall Committee:**  
Councillor Keady                              Alternate: General Manager

**1059 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that delegates, as shown, remain on the following Council Committees (Section 355) for the remainder of the four year term **AND FURTHER** that the information provided by the two S355 Committees be noted and their office bearers elected for the ensuing year be approved:

- (i) *Coonamble Heritage & Museum Under the Bridge Advisory Committee:*

Chair	Cr Michael Webb
Vice-Chair	Cr John Walker
Secretary/Treasurer	Angie Little
Council Liaison	Grants & Events Officer
- (ii) *Coonamble Senior Citizen's Association Inc:*

President	Bruce O'Brien
Vice President	Alma Backhouse
Treasurer	Gloria Fernando
Secretary/Public Officer	Lorna O'Brien.

**7. REGULAR MEETING DAY**

The General Manager informed the meeting that Section 365 states that Council is required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

**1060 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council agree to hold its Ordinary Meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 9.00 a.m. **AND FURTHER** that the March meeting be held at Gulargambone and the October meeting at Quambone.

**8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

**1061 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the information contained in Section 367 concerning notice of meetings be noted.

**9. MEETING QUORUM**

The meeting noted a 'meeting quorum' is the majority of the Councillors of the Council who hold Office for the time being and are not suspended from Office.

**1062 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information be noted.

**10. PECUNIARY INTEREST FORMS**

The meeting noted that Pecuniary Interest forms have been completed and handed to the General Manager.

**11. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES (FOUR YEAR TERM)**

**1063 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following delegates represent Council for the remainder of the four year term (expiring September 2016) on the Committees listed below:

- (a) **Castlereagh Macquarie (Weeds) County Council:**  
Councillor Webb and Councillor Schieb
- (b) **North Western Co-operative Library Service:**  
Councillor Webb and the General Manager (or his nominee)
- (c) **Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)**  
The Mayor and the General Manager (or their nominees)

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.16 a.m.

These minutes (Pages 1/5528 to 5/5532) were confirmed on the **EIGHTH** day of **OCTOBER 2014** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 10 September 2014.

**MAYOR**



<b>7.2 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.20 A.M.</b>
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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.

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.

#### **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.

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.

#### **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.

**(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.

**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 participant 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.

#### **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 89<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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.

## **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.

### **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.

## **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.

### **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;
- 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

These Pages (1/5528 to 18/5550) were confirmed on the EIGHTH day of OCTOBER 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 September 2014.

**MAYOR**



**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 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:**

**Contract received by Council's Solicitor – being reviewed prior to forwarding to Council.**

**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. Suggest Local Member's intervention.**

**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:**

**Still no response to Council's third enquiry regarding current position.**

**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:**

**No response to Council's call for expressions of interest.**

**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:*

*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 to follow training – will be submitted to November meeting.**

*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**

**90kph TRAFFIC SIGNAGE**

**1048 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Cullen that Council request the Traffic Committee to revisit speed limits within the urban area of Coonamble and consider moving the 90kph signage closer to the town on the northern and southern approaches to Coonamble.

**Status:**

**Will be referred to the next meeting of the traffic committee.**

<b>8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED</b>
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**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:**

**Training scheduled for October meeting day – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. COMPLETED.**

**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:**

**Council’s Heritage Advisor has extended.**

**COMPLETED.**

## **9. MAYORAL REPORT** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2014**

### **9.1 WORKSHOP & MEETING - FIT FOR THE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS**

On Thursday 25 September the General Manager and I attended a workshop conducted by the Office of Local Government in relation to *Fit for the Future* requirements. This was followed by a board meeting of OROC Councils to consider the information provided by the Office of Local Government.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr Steve Orr, Acting Chief Executive, and members of his staff. The Minister, Paul Toole, was also in attendance later in the meeting and answered questions from the Group.

The following issues were raised and further information and clarity was provided.

- (1) *Fit for the Future Assessment*
- (2) *Joint Organisations*
- (3) *Rural Councils*
- (4) *Timeframe for Implementation*

### **FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

The Minister made reference to the recommendations from the independent panel and particularly focused on sustainability of local councils, predominantly financial capacity and sustainability as a pre-requisite for a “*fit for the future*” council in whatever form that may be determined. While there are recommendations made, any assessment will be undertaken by another panel independent from that which undertook the current review.

It was stated that if a council was assessed as “*fit for the future*” it did not necessarily follow that there would be a merger, structure changes to a rural council or any other change. However, what came out further in the meeting was that councils would be part of a joint organisation based on regional boundaries.

A self assessment tool is still being developed to allow councils to review their current position. Following this, Council will need to prepare a roadmap to become “*fit for the future*” - funding and support is to be provided by the Office of Local Government. These roadmaps will be reviewed by the panel and recommendations made to the Minister. From October 2015 “*fit for the future*” councils will begin implementation of their proposals with a new Local Government Act, joint organisations, rural councils constituted, merges completed for the Local Government Elections in September 2016.

## **JOINT ORGANISATIONS**

It would appear that each council regardless of the future structure will be a member of a Joint Organisation (J.O.). “They will be empowered to bring all councils in defined regions together to discuss and agree to strategic regional priorities for their communities”. The proposed regional boundary for the Orana J.O. contains the shires of Dubbo, Wellington, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coonamble, Bogan, Warren and Warrumbungle.

### **Membership and Decision Making**

It is anticipated all general purpose councils will be members of the governing body of one J.O. Others may be invited to attend as associate members where there are common interests. When pushed on the point regarding Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett, the Minister seemed firm on their membership only being at associate status, with their commitment being to the proposed Far West model.

Following the workshop at the OROC Board meeting there was considerable discussion relative to a pilot program for a joint organisation primarily based on the current OROC membership and structure. After deliberation, the following resolution was passed by the Board:

1. *That, on the basis of all member councils resolving same, the 12 existing members of OROC proceed to lodge, as one, an expression of interest application to the Office of Local Government as a pilot group for a Joint Organisation under the “Fit for the Future” program, noting that the role of such “Orana Joint Organisation” would include:*
  - *Intergovernmental relationships*
  - *Regional advocacy*
  - *Regional planning*
  - *Regional purchasing*
  - *Lower Macquarie Water Users Alliance*
  - *Regional interest groups*
  - *Shared services.*
  
2. *That member councils be requested to respond in respect of their position regarding this Joint Organisation proposal to the Executive Officer of OROC by Friday 10 October 2014.*

Each council will need to consider its position should it wish to be part of the Orana joint organisation. Should the government accept the proposal to undertake a pilot program, the J.O. would be eligible for \$300,000 in financial assistance.

## **RURAL COUNCILS**

The concept of what constitutes a rural council was debated – it appears the Minister and the acting CEO are putting this question back to the councils with statements similar to “it can be what you want it to be, you tell us what you want”. From the Office of Local Government’s document, a roadmap for Stronger Smarter Councils, a rural council has the following role to play:

*“Councils with a current, or projected, population under 10,000 will be invited to work with the NSW government in developing a new Rural Council Model, building on the model recommended by the Panel.”*

*Councils will be invited to work with the Office of Local Government to further develop a Rural Council Model by December 2014 to help small councils decide if this is an option for them, alongside of becoming part of a Joint Organisation.”*

Council should continue to participate in this process to ensure it has input, given our current population basis.

## **TIMEFRAME**

The government has a fairly rigid timetable for the process – a relatively difficult task – given the amount of unknowns at this stage. Broadly – expressions of interest for a pilot joint organisation need to be put forward as soon as possible. In this regard, OROC Councils are being asked to consider being part of a J.O. by 10 October 2014, with an expression of interest made to the government the following week.

Discussion regarding rural councils will take place over the next few months.

The future of the Far West Councils is unknown with the OLG yet to conduct workshops with these councils, i.e. Bourke, Walgett, Cobar, Brewarrina, Balranald, Broken Hill, Central Darling and Wentworth.

Over the coming six months Council will prepare a “roadmap” demonstrating fit for the future capacity, assessment in late 2015 with implementation of various strategies from March 2016.

### **Recommendation:**

#### **That Council :**

- (1) Note the Mayoral Report**
- (2) Agree to participate in the pilot program, as proposed by the OROC Board.**

**AHMAD (Allan) KARANOUH**

**Mayor**

30 September 2014

**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

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

**10.1 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1(44199)**

Thanking Council for its continued support and advising it wishes to conduct the annual carnival on Sunday 23 November. Further requesting that Council allow the Club to take the gate entry fees for the day.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to the Coonamble Swimming Club conducting its annual carnival on Sunday 23 November 2014 and that gate takings for the day be given to the Club.**

**10.2 GULARGAMBONE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC  
S13-2**

Requesting use of the Gulargambone pool for various activities during the 2014/2015 swimming season. Advising the Club's annual carnival will be held on Saturday 15 November and requesting that the booking fee be waived as a form of donation/sponsorship and the Club be permitted to retain gate takings on the day.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Last year Council declined to waive the booking fee for use of the pool for the Club's annual carnival, however it agreed to the gate takings being retained by the Club.)

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's determination.**

**10.3 VICE-CHANCELLOR, CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY L3-  
1(44219)**

Requesting written support for the establishment of the Murray-Darling Medical School by Charles Sturt University and La Trobe University. Saying the innovative medical school will be based in Wagga Wagga, Orange and Bendigo and has a specific remit to address medical workforce shortage in the Murray-Darling region and other inland areas of Australia. Pointing out Charles Sturt University's entire university structure will support local medical students through university clinics, libraries, laboratories, business incubators, student accommodation, student societies and academic festivities. Stating that such a significant development as the Murray-Darling Medical School in the region will act as a driver to encourage other related investments in the region as businesses establish or grow to serve the needs of the medical school.



Pointing out it will also act as a 'beacon' to encourage other unrelated investment with a new medical school being an indicator of confidence in the Murray-Darling region and the commitment of Government to the region.

Saying they have made significant progress towards gaining government approval of the MDMS and Council's support is vital to their cause and asking that Council write to The Hon Peter Dutton, Minister for Health, in support of the Murray-Darling Medical School.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council may wish to provide a letter of support, however it is getting away from direct benefits to our region, generally based at Dubbo)

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

**10.4 QUAMBONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE D7**

Advising that the Committee has had an offer of help to prepare the Quambone Memorial Hall for painting. Requesting Council to consider supplying sufficient paint to paint the structure and provide scaffolding to assist in completing the job.

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

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

<b>10.5 THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP – MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT G5(44187)</b>
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Referring to the announcement of funding of up to \$1 billion for local government in NSW to strengthen communities and ensure councils are *Fit for the Future*. Saying the Fit for the Future reform package responds to the final recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce and reflects priorities identified during the past three years of consultation.

Advising that to support councils make the changes needed, the government is committing:

- \$258 million to assist councils who decide to merge and make the changes needed to provide better services to communities;
- \$13 million to support councillors who lead the transition to a new council;
- \$5.3 million for new regional Joint Organisations;
- \$4 million innovation fund to help small rural councils develop innovative way of working;
- Access to experts to develop a plan and implement change;
- The development of a new streamlined Local Government Act that aims to reduce red tape and regulation and places Integrated Planning and Reporting at the heart of council operations; and
- Reviews of the regulatory burden on local government and the rating system.

Pointing out that Councils that become Fit for the Future will also have:

- Access to a State borrowing facility to help fund local infrastructure, with potential savings to NSW councils of up to \$600 million in interest payments;
- More flexibility with procurement and simplified reporting;
- Access to a streamlined IPART process for setting rates; and
- Eligibility for additional planning powers.

Asking every council in NSW to submit a proposal by **30 June 2015** outlining plans to become Fit for the Future. Saying the proposals will be assessed by an independent expert panel – Councils will need to demonstrate how they will become and remain sustainable, provide effective and efficient services and develop the scale and capacity to partner with the State to meet the needs of their communities.

Stating that Council will have an opportunity to hear more about the Fit for the Future reform package at a series of regional workshops in the coming months and, in this regard, the Office of Local Government will advise times and venues shortly.

Saying the reform package opens the way for local government to undertake meaningful change, with general assistance. Pointing out that future information is available at: [www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au)

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Refer Mayoral Report October Meeting)

**10.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION G5(44207)**

Advising that the Commission has a policy of providing information to councils about the way it calculates financial assistance grants. Saying that special submissions are invited from council in relation to the distribution of financial assistance grants for 2015/2016 however, council is not required to make a submission.

Pointing out that the purpose of a submission is to give council the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond its control that are not generally recognized in the current methodology. Saying this allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect council's capacity to deliver services. Advising the closing date for submissions is 30 November. Requesting that this letter be tabled at a Council meeting.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Details of 2014/2015 grant calculations are attached **APPENDIX A** for Council's information)

**10.7 THE HON STUART AYRES MP (MINISTER FOR SPORT & RECREATION) G5**

Thanking Council for its application for a grant under the Participation and Facility Program administered through Sport and Recreation. Advising Council has been successful in securing funds of \$10,000 for the upgrade of cricket nets and practice pitch at Coonamble Sportsground.

**10.8 THE HON JILLIAN SKINNER MP – MINISTER FOR HEALTH H2(44180)**

Acknowledging Council's letter regarding the alleged misuse and illegal use of prescription medication and advising the NSW Ministry of Health is strongly committed to the National Pharmaceutical Drug Misuse Framework for Action. Saying the intent of the framework is to reverse the trend of pharmaceutical drug misuse, trafficking or diversion of pharmaceutical drugs and the significant harms associated with this, including providing ongoing education and training to medical practitioners and pharmacists. Advising that the Ministry is increasing access to the Opioid Treatment Program monitoring the distribution of targeted drugs, working closely with NSW police and investigating medical practitioners and pharmacists for inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of Schedule 8 drugs such as fentanyl patches or Oxycontin tablets.

Pointing out the Ministry has powers to remove the authority of health practitioners if they are found to be managing Schedule 8 drugs inappropriately and refer them to their respective professional councils for disciplinary action. Saying also that the on-selling or diversion of prescribed Schedule 8 medications is an offence under the *Drugs Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* and, as such, is a matter for the NSW Police.

**10.9 MAYOR, BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL, MULLUMBINBY  
M3(44171)**

Advising that his shire supports marriage equality and has formulated a *Marriage Equality Proclamation* and inviting Council to show its support for marriage equality by adopting a similar proclamation. Saying Byron Shire Council will be collecting such proclamations from LGAs across Australia with the intent of presenting them to the Prime Minister to show that local government supports marriage equality. Further stating he is intending to create the group – *Mayors for Marriage Equality* – as a broad based, non partisan group for Mayors in Australia to advocate for marriage equality.

**10.10 THE HON MIKE BAIRD MP – PREMIER OF NSW  
D9(44188)**

Thanking the Mayor for his letter regarding the ongoing drought and appreciating the time taken in meeting him on his tour. Saying he was glad he could visit and see the effects of the drought firsthand as this has given him a strong sense of how touch conditions are across NSW and how Government can assist rural communities. Advising he has forwarded Council's concerns to the Hon Kevin Humphries for his consideration of the ideas presented.

**10.11 STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES G5-6(44205)**

Advising that NSW local authorities are invited to apply for a 2014/2015 Public Library Infrastructure Grant – funding under this program will assist councils to improve public library buildings, spaces and information technology. Saying that applications must be lodged online by 5 p.m. Friday 31 October 2014.

**10.12 STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES G5-6**

Stating the State Government has allocated \$27.518 million for provision of public library services in 2014/2015 and under the Public Library Funding Strategy Council will receive a subsidy @ \$1.85 per capita (\$7,916) and a Disability and Geographic adjustment of \$17,448 which is to be allocated to Local Priority Project/s.

**10.13 CHIEF EXECUTIVE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-1**

Advising that Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is registered as an Employer Association under the Federal Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and the NSW Industrial Relations Act 1996. Pointing out that, in order to fulfill its obligations under both Acts, the Association has to provide a copy of the Annual Financial Statements, the Audit Report and the Operating Report to all members 21 days before the LGNSW Annual Conference on 19 – 21 October 2014. **(APPENDIX B)**

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
30 September 2014

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 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
15/14	Shane Pettiford	Owner	Erection of machinery shed	"Dallas" Walgett Road Coonamble	17/09/2014
17/14	Commonwealth Bank of Aust	Owner	Shopfront alterations/replacement of awning	60 Aberford St Coonamble	17/09/2014

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. 015/2014 and 017/2014 were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.**

**11.2 TOILET FACILITIES – COONAMBLE CEMETERY**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
13.4 Maintain and update facilities***

**Background:**

A recent request has been made for the provision of toilet facilities at the Coonamble Cemetery.

**Issues:**

Currently no toilet facilities exist and, given the potential infrequent use of such a unit, it is proposed a single unit be provided catering to both male and female.

The proposed location is along the southern fence near the lawn cemetery, allowing access to the water supply. The cost of a sewer service is prohibitive and a septic system with a rubble drain is proposed – cost of the unit (picture attached) is \$6,000. Associated septic and rubble drain works are estimated to be \$10,000.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

Council currently has \$20,000 in a cemetery reserve, earmarked for another row in the lawn portion which is nearing capacity in its current form. \$16,000 will need to be sourced to provide a toilet facility.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's determination and allocation of funding.**

<b>11.3 COONAMBLE SHOW 2015</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***

***13.4 Maintain all recreational facilities to ensure safety and promote use***

***P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion.***

**Background:**

In accordance with past practice, the NSW Department of Industrial Relations (The Treasury) recently wrote to Council regarding the administrative process to apply to the Minister for the declaration of local public holidays under the *Public Holidays Act 2010*.

**Issues:**

Council was instructed to consult with relevant stakeholders, such as Chamber of Commerce, local Banks, major employers and local schools within its LGA, due to potential impacts a public holiday will have on businesses.

Advertisements were placed in the Coonamble Times, inviting comment from the public. Letters were forwarded to the following organisations, attaching a copy of guidelines for local public holiday and local event day applications which was forwarded by the Department of Industrial Relations, as a guide to stakeholders:

- Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service
- Coonamble Multi Purpose Service
- Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Inc
- Coonamble Chamber of Commerce
- National Australia Bank
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Five schools within the LGA

It was made clear in the letters that the Department of Industrial Relations is adamant that consultation occurs and Council sought comments from the above organisations to support – or otherwise – the application for gazettal of the holiday, which falls on Wednesday, 20 May 2015. Council requested that comments be received by 26 September 2014.

Responses have been received from the following supporting the gazettal of a public holiday for the second day of the 2015 Coonamble Show:

- Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre
- Quambone Public School
- Coonamble Public School
- Coonamble High School



Should Council decide to apply for a holiday for the second day of the 2015 Coonamble Show (Wednesday 20 May), its application must be received by Friday 7 November 2014 to enable sufficient time for processing.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Public Holidays Act 2010.
- Local Government (State) Award 2010 – cl 19A

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

- (1) Not agree to apply for gazettal of a full day public holiday for the second day of the 2015 Coonamble Show
- (2) Agree to apply for gazettal of a local public holiday for the second day of the 2015 Coonamble Show
- (3) Agree to apply for gazettal of a part-day public holiday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- (4) Not apply for gazettal of a public holiday for the 2015 Annual Show.

**Recommendation:**

**Submitted for Council's determination.**

**RICK WARREN**

General Manager

30 September 2014

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 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 September 2014.

#### **Issues:**

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

##### **1.1 Bang the Table**

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

Finalisation of the Bang the Table Youth Forum occurred during September. The forum will take place at Gulargambone Central School in November 2014, with Coonamble Youth Council members travelling to attend.

##### **1.2 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.***

No Community Working Party meeting was held during September.

##### **1.3 Youth Council**

The Youth Council arranged a special training session to assist the group with positive communication, confidence and public speaking. *The Frank Team* facilitated the session on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, with both Gulargambone and Coonamble students attending.

##### **1.4 School Holiday Activities**

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

At the writing of this report the following activities occurred in partnership with, Mission Australia and Coonamble High School.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Attendance (approx.)</b>
Mon 22/9	Bike Day	20
Tue 23/9	BigAir School – skate/scooter/bike workshop, demo and competition	100
Wed 24/9	Big Screen Movie Marathon	50
Thu 25/9	Sports Day	40
Fri 26/9	Trivia Night	25
Mon 29/9	Treasure Hunt	30
Tue 30/9	Mini Jeep Driving	Yet to occur
Wed 1/10	NAIDOC Black Screen Night	Yet to occur
Thu 2/10	Basketball Competition	Yet to occur
Fri 3/10	Coonamble's Got Talent!	Yet to occur

### **1.5 Coonamble Drug & Alcohol Advisory Group (CDAAG)**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P2.2.3 Work with community groups to develop local solutions to drug and alcohol related issues.***

The Coonamble Drug & Alcohol Advisory Group is preparing a funding application to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for an expanded Drug and Alcohol service in Coonamble. The application will request funding for drug and alcohol workers to focus on early intervention strategies.

### **1.6 Community well-being initiative**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P3.1.1 Advocate, support and raise awareness of programs that promote the physical and mental health and well-being of community members.***

A whole of community event is planned to take place at the Coonamble Showground on 29 November. The event will aim to provide education and information about depression and anxiety with local speakers as well as professionals. Council is a member of the working group and will contribute to funding and facilitating the event.

### **1.7 Gulargambone Women's Group**

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

The Gulargambone Women's group is a newly formed group that aims to connect and support isolated women in the community. The group is facilitated by Uniting Care Burnside with community development assistance from Council staff. The group has developed a program

that includes recreational, social and life skill activities. In partnership with Council the group has been awarded a grant to facilitate their program of activities.

### **1.8 After School Activities – Coonamble**

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

Home Work help and afterschool activities continue at the Library with 112 children attending during the reporting period.

Big Screen movie nights continue Friday fortnightly with 10-15 attendees.

## **2. Library**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- 12.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need***

- Monthly Local Promotion – Two adult tickets to Moorambilla Concert in Coonamble were offered to patrons borrowing from the library during August. Winners were Patty Cullen and Grace Robinson.
- Installation of a bench and wall mounted tablets has provided increased security of assets as well as safer access to information technology.
- A new computer has been relocated to the library meeting room for use by students or by anyone needing privacy. It is also being used by a patron to record music so that others are not disturbed.
- Skiracle continued with a program of craft activities.
- Library outreach reading visits continued at local pre-schools with the request that this activity become a regular occurrence.

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program – 12.2.3 Continue to develop the library as a multi-purpose community space***

- External groups utilising Library –Writers' Group, Interact Employment Service, Family History Society.
- A holiday Scavenger Hunt, organised by Council, began at the Library and commenced at Macdonald Park.

### Library statistics

Service	Total Issues	New Memberships	WiFi	Internet
Coonamble	828	4	41	334
Gulargambone	114	2		

Patron assistance	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History Enquiries
	17	43	17

### 3. Tourism

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion, EC1.1.5 Develop existing visitor markets, EC1.1.6 Participate in Inland Tourism and Great Inland Way initiatives***

- Secured 29 local advertisers for the Coonamble Shire Visitor Guide
- Regional tourism projects (product development and marketing)
  - Tourism consultant, Rodger Powell, commenced research for region's Accommodation White Paper. He visited and assessed Coonamble's accommodation supply on the 18th of September.
- Administration of the Regional Flagship Funding for the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft on behalf of the Coonamble Rodeo Association. Post-event analysis submitted to Destination NSW

#### Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (September 14)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
150	Retiree 110 Worker 17 Family 18 Backpacker 5	NSW 87 QLD 15 TAS 6 VIC 35 SA 5 WA 2	Local 100 Regional 50	Directions 80 Attractions 60 Eateries 10 Toilets 40 Souvenirs 10 Accommodation 20  *Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

#### 4. Events

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.1.2. Continue to facilitate Australia Day activities. P4.4.1. Assist with Moorambilla event.***

- Moorambilla – liaised between organisers and Council staff. Event was held on Saturday, September 20.
- Australia Day – organisation commencing. Nominations for local citizen awards open on October 1 and close on December 12.

#### 5. Museum

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

- Facebook friends are up to 1313 as at 24 September. This number increases weekly.
- As at 24 September there had been 23 visitors through the Museum. The majority of the visitors were tourists from throughout the state with some Queensland and Victoria.
- Streets Ahead will host its Bush Poets Breakfast at the Museum on Saturday 4 October.

#### 6. Grants

Successful grant announcements:

- Participation & Facility Program – upgrade of cricket nets \$10,000 grant

#### **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.**

<b>12.2 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE SERVICE</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
12.3.2 Investigate and maximise opportunities for Council buildings to  
be used for multi purpose community activity***

**Background:**

At its meeting of 10 September 2014 Council resolved to relocate the Coonamble Vacation Care service to the Coonamble Senior Citizen's building, effective from 5 January 2015.

Liaison with members of the Senior Citizen's Association has resulted in negotiation of the space being shared. This report updates Council on the shared space agreement.

**Issues:**

Consultation was conducted with members of the Senior Citizens Association at their meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014. During the meeting, the following was negotiated in the event of the sale of the current Vacation Care premises:

- **Bingo each Tuesday 11 – 1pm** - Vacation Care will organise an excursion each Tuesday, leaving the premises during the preparation and facilitation of Bingo.
- **Craft group each Thursday – all day** - The Senior Citizen's group will reschedule their craft day from Thursday to Saturday.
- **Annual Seniors Week luncheon** (usually falls during March/April school holidays). Vacation Care will organise an excursion, leaving the premises during the luncheon.
- One of the two offices at the venue will be vacated by the seniors group to provide an office for the Vacation Care service.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information contained in the Coonamble Vacation Care service report.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

29 September 2014



**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN  
SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/09/2014 compared to 30/09/2013:

	<b>30/09/2014</b>	<b>30/09/2013</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	777,517.47	791,468.50
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,822,550.61	5,687,942.85
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,600,068.10</b>	<b>6,479,411.35</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(62,944.26)	(61,909.11)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(51,499.85)	(50,652.91)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,485,624.00</b>	<b>6,366,849.33</b>
Less Collections	(1,949,812.95)	(1,733,380.22)
Plus Refunds		
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,535,811.05</b>	<b>4,633,469.11</b>
Plus Postponed		
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,535,811.05</b>	<b>4,633,469.11</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	30.06%	27.23%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	69.94%	72.77%

**Recommendation:**  
**Submitted for Council's information.**

<b>13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS</b>
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Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/12/2014	3.50%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 14/10/2014	3.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 28/01/2014	3.40%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/12/2014	3.50%	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 - 03/12/2014	3.25%	90 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 17/10/2014	3.45%	93 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 23/12/2014	3.30%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 09/12/2014	3.40%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 13/07/2014	3.66%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 15/12/2014	3.39%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/11/2014	3.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A3	Business Online Saver - at call	3.00%	N/A	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/11/2014	3.50%	92 Days	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 (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	9%	50%	1,500,000
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+	27%	35%	4,500,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	73%	100%	12,000,000
A1	12%	80%	2,000,000
A2	12%	60%	2,000,000
Unrated	3%	30%	500,000
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>
<b>General Fund Investments</b>			<b>10,355,107</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,376,283</b>
<b>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>3,768,610</b>
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

**Recommendation:**

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

<b>13.3 CCTV CAMERA NETWORK REPAIRS/ UPGRADE</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2.4 Work with partners to develop strategies to minimise  
crime and anti-social behaviour in the community***

**Background:**

Council's existing network of CCTV cameras was originally installed in 2006. During the past couple of years Council has upgraded the "backend" of the system to allow for the installation of new digital camera technology as the old analogue cameras either failed or ceased to operate.

Council currently has three cameras that have either stopped working or the quality of the image has deteriorated to such an extent that the footage is unusable. These cameras are as follows

- McDonald Park PTZ camera is currently not sending a signal correctly, causing footage to be unobtainable.
- Joe's Butchery PTZ has ceased functioning; in turn footage of the middle of the main street has been lost.
- Corner of Floyd and Aberford Streets PTZ camera is currently having issues focusing the image during night time causing footage loss down Castlereagh Highway covering intersections and local businesses.

Council staff has liaised with both its current supplier and the Police to determine the best mix of CCTV camera installation which will extend the life of the system and provide quality footage.

During these deliberations, it was agreed to include the price for Council to install poles on which to fix the new CCTV cameras. This is due to the fact that currently Council cannot access the existing camera on Essential Energy poles for the purpose of maintenance without the prior permission of Essential Energy and the availability of an Electrical Contractor.

Should Council decide to install its own poles this would remove these requirements and associated costs.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Workplace Surveillance Act 2005
- Closed circuit television (CCTV) in public places Guidelines

**Financial Considerations:**

The following is brief outline of the proposed works and estimated cost to carry out the works required to restore the functionality of the CCTV network to full capacity.

**Joe's Butchery PTZ** - \$7,790.00 This quote includes the installation of 2 x Fixed 3 MP digital dome cameras and all communications equipment in front of Joe's Butchery. Cameras will be located on the southern side of the main street with coverage towards the eastern and western sides of the street.

*The above work will replace one PTZ analogue camera that is currently not functioning. Funding for this work to be carried out is already included in Councils 2014/15 operational budget.*

**McDonald Park PTZ** - \$14,830 (including installation cost of \$1,460 for Council owned Camera Pole) This quote includes the installation of 2 x Fixed 3 MP digital dome cameras and all communications equipment. The cameras will be directed at the public toilets, pergola and surrounding area.

*The above work will replace one PTZ analogue camera that is currently able to obtain footage during day, but quality and video image degrades during the night as a result the footage is unusable.*

**Corner of Floyd and Aberford Streets PTZ** - \$15,230 (including installation cost of \$485 for Council owned Camera Pole) This quote includes the installation of 3x Fixed 3 MP digital dome cameras and all communications equipment at Landmark/Carco. Cameras to be directed to entrance of Coonamble Cellars, and north and south of Castlereagh Hwy. Cameras will also provide footage of Landmark, Tyreright and driveway to Carco.

*The above work will replace one PTZ analogue camera with recording/focusing issues during night and one fixed analogue camera currently covering the entrance of the Coonamble Cellars.*

Council has currently included in its 2014/2015 operational budget funding to carry out the works to Joe's butchery, but not the other two sites. To enable these works to be carried out Council may wish to allocate funding from one of its internally restricted reserves.

**Options:**

1. Carry out the repair works as funded by Council's current operational budget with the costs for the repairs for the other two sites being included for Councils consideration of its 2015/16 estimates.
2. Allocate the additional funding of \$30,060 from Council reserves to allow for all the works to be carried out in the current financial year.

**Recommendation:  
For Council's consideration**

<b>13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS</b>
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**Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces. During the last month particular focus has been on town approaches and the main street garden beds seasonal replanting.
- The new flail slasher was delivered on the 30/09/2014, with delivery of the replacement wide area mower anticipated to be within the following fortnight.

**Vandalism Update:**

- The past month has seen an increase in the number of both minor and major acts of vandalism.
- The garden beds in the main street of Coonamble have had significant numbers of plants uprooted on a nightly basis. Where possible staff have replanted these plants and ordered new ones to replace those that are too damaged.
- The Coonamble sportsground had 5 sprinkler heads destroyed plus damage to the wiring to one of the watering system solenoids through one act of vandalism.
- The pool has had its fences cut a number of times with the set of 50 metre lane ropes used for training purposes destroyed by fire.
- Macdonald Park has had its toilets vandalised by graffiti, the tree near the rotunda was burnt out and had to be removed.
- Two cedar trees on the footpath in Wingadee Street were damaged by fire and had to be removed.
- Toilets at the rear of the RTC centre were also subject to vandalism.

**Pools:**

- Commenced operations for the 2014/15 swim season in time for the September school holidays as per Council resolution.
- Council has re-advertised for expressions of interest to conduct the Kiosk at the Coonamble Pool following no response after the first advertisement.
- The storage shed at Gulargambone Pool has been erected and the BBQ has been purchased and installed. A photo is included for Council's information



**Buildings:**

- Minor planned maintenance has been carried out as scheduled.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information contained in this item be noted.**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Services

30 September 2014

**14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 2014****14.1 DISH DRAIN DUBBO STREET**

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

*11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.*

*11.1.8. Continue local sealed roads routine maintenance, heavy patching and resealing.*

**Background:**

At the September 2014 meeting Council resolved to improve the dish drain in Dubbo Street at an estimated cost of \$60,000 and that funding be provided from the Urban Roads vote.

**Issues:**

In order to fund this work it will be necessary to modify the works program agreed upon at the July 2014 meeting.

Council allocated \$95,000 for the upgrade of Munnell Street, Gulargambone. The scope of this project will need to be reduced in order to reallocate \$60,000 to the dish drain in Dubbo Street.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Nil

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

1. Re-allocate funds to provide funding for improvements to the dish drain in Dubbo Street.
2. Not proceed with improvements to the dish drain and the Urban Roads vote be allocated in accordance with Council's decision at the July 2014 meeting.

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's determination.**



<b>14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS</b>
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- (a) **Plant/Workshop:**
- Repairs have been completed as required on plant:
  - Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed as required.
- (b) **Saleyards:**
- Auxiliary works associated with the new loading ramp planned.
- (c) **Airport:**
- Routine maintenance completed as required.
  - Management plan still under review
- (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.
  - Treatment plant operating well.
  - Staff training underway
- (f) **Sewerage:**
- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- (g) **State Highway:**
- RMS conducting preliminary investigations towards rehabilitating 5kms of highway immediately north of Coonamble.
  - Wingadee (stage 3) reconstruction of 2.1km due to commence October.
  - Heavy patching work commenced between Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- (h) **Regional Roads:**
- Heavy patching on MR383.
  - Heavy patching on MR7515.
  - Work on box culverts on MR129Q 2kms from Quambone about to commence
  - Repairs to Lucy Morrison bridge to commence
  - Road Survey underway

- (i) **Local Roads:**
  - Grading on local roads continuing as moisture allows.
  - Spraying continuing
  
- (j) **Urban Streets:**
  - Maule Street rehabilitation commenced
  
- (l) **Levee:**
  - Final preparations underway.

<p><b>Recommendation:</b> <b>That the information be noted</b></p>
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**KOOKIE ATKINS**  
A/Director of Engineering Services  
30 September 2014

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 08 OCTOBER 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:**

At the September meeting Council noted that the revised Domestic Animal Policy, which had been on public exhibition, was put forward for adoption. Council also noted that one submission was received prior to the closing date of 15 August.

**Issues:**

Council considered the submission received and felt it had merit, in that the area referred to was sufficient for the keeping of cattle. It also noted that because the area abuts residential allotments, should there be legitimate complaints concerning odour, the cattle would have to be moved.

A resolution was passed to not formally adopt the policy, but to investigate what other areas within the town boundaries may be suitable for the keeping of cattle. This investigation revealed several areas that could be added to the policy and they are highlighted in blue on the map attached to the draft policy (**APPENDIX C**)

**Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:**

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

**Financial Considerations:**        N/A

**Options:**

1. Adopt and amend the policy with the additional permitted areas for the keeping of cattle
2. Adopt the policy without the additional permitted areas for the keeping of cattle.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council, after having considered the submission received and having identified other land to be included for the keeping of cattle, formally adopt the Domestic Animal Policy.**

<b>15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 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>September</u></b> <b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b> <b><u>2013/2014 Total</u></b>
Official Correspondence	20	47
Infringements (Animals)	10	37
Infringements (Other)	0	0
Microchipped dogs	10	26
Registrations	10	22
Nuisance dog declaration	0	1
Dangerous dog declaration	0	1
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
<b>Impoundments</b>		
Dogs	20	50
Cats	4	36
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>86</b>
Motor vehicle	0	0
<b>Breakdown of impoundments</b>		
Dogs destroyed	11	35
Dogs surrendered by owner	11	15
Dogs re-housed	6	7
Dogs released	0	4
Cats destroyed	4	20
Cats re-housed	0	0
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	5	6
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

**Dog Attack on Stock in Coonamble .**

One sheep was killed & two others were put down a while later. Dog was caught & owner found. Owner surrendered the dog to Council & appropriate action was taken.

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**Recommendation:  
That Council note the information**

**MATTHEW COCK**  
Manager – Environmental Services  
30 September 2014

**16. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**16.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE YOUTH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE COMMITTEE  
ROOM, COONAMBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**

**Minutes:** Kodie Ireland

**Apologies:** Tray Blattman, Lucy Buckley, Samuel Knight, Cody Newton, Becc Jordison, Grant Millgate, Denzel Ryan, Dwayne Hammond, Bradley McEwan, Mr Bob Townsend

**Present:** Shanaye Kennedy, Dakota Heiken, Taylee Millgate, Christine Blattman, Sharna McNamara, Riley Fernando, Kyla Astill, Killara Darcy, Lianne Tasker, Kodie Ireland

**Meeting opened** – 1.15pm

**Welcome** – Lianne welcomed group and, in handed the meeting to the Chair, Adam Roworth.

**1. Acknowledgement of Country** - Adam Roworth

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

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

- CRL – can attend but they are unable to provide any current players or well known former players.
- Christine advised that StormCo, a group from Sydney are interested in running events during the school holidays. Christine will let them know to contact Council.
- Dakota asked about the bucket hats and Lianne informed the group that the hats can be purchased if we have the budget.

**4. Bang the Table**

Youth Forum

- Lianne passed around the Youth Forum outline. Group discussed the format of the day with agreement on:
  - ✓ To be held at Gulargambone Central School with Coonamble High
  - ✓ School Youth Council members travelling to attend.
  - ✓ “MAAD” will facilitate Hip Hop writing workshop and dance.

- ✓ A workshop to look at local issues & solutions, getting input from all Gular young people.
  - Frank Team confirmed to deliver a workshop on self-esteem and public speaking at the next Youth Council meeting.

***ACTION: Lianne to confirm date of Youth Forum with Mr Townsend and finalise poster.***

### **5. Local State Government Awards**

Christine and Shanaye described their trip to Sydney for the NSW Local Government Awards, held at Parliament House. Coonamble finished as a finalist in the “best small Council with most outstanding Youth Week program” category.

**6. School Holiday Program** – distributed the schedule for the group to have a look at activities arranged for the next school holiday period. Discussion regarding the activities.

***ACTION: All group members will promote the activities to other young people.***

### **7. Black Screen Night**

- Lianne explained that “Black Screen Night” is where movies starring indigenous actors and/or made by indigenous directors are shown and are part of NAIDOC celebrations.
- Small groups worked through the information (supplied by the National Film Archive) to decide on the most appropriate films to be shown on the night.
- The National Film Archive compact numbers 5, 11, 13 and 15 were selected.

### **8. General Business**

- Discussion regarding frequency of Youth Council meetings. Group members would like to meet more often. Lianne informed that the set meeting rate of two a term was in the Terms of Reference and changes would have to be made with proper process.
- Taylee suggested getting service providers or people from the wider community to attend the next meeting. Lianne asked the group to have a think about who/ which service they would like to hear from or what topics they are interested in.
- Lianne advised the group that the AGM (Annual General Meeting) would be in November and group discussed roles and responsibilities.
- Group discussion about the level of anger felt by young people and why anger (out of control) is the “go to” position for young people (particularly young men). Group did not accept that “an anger

response is a personal choice to something that happens” (says Lianne). An enthusiastic discussion followed.

***Action: Lianne to bring the group information about anger responses.***

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

**Meeting closed** – 3.00pm

**Next meeting:** 17th September 2014, 1.00pm.



**17. SALEYARS REPORT  
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**17.1 SALES**

**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
02/09/14	Private Weigh	158	706.93			158	706.93
24/09/14	Store	1,238	7,758.11	105	400.92	1,343	8,159.03

<b>TOTALS:</b>	Scale	1396 head	\$7,758.11				
	VA	105 head	\$ 400.92				
	Private Weigh	158 head	\$ 706.93				
	NLIS Tag Income	Nil	\$ Nil				<b>\$8,865.96</b>

**17.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES**

N/A

**17.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2014 – 30/09/2014**

<b>Saleyards Operations:</b>	Income	\$16,383.19
	Expenditure	\$42,812.51
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$26,429.32</b>
<b>Truckwash :</b>	Income	\$ 5,100.03
	Expenditure	\$ 2,776.44
	Surplus	\$ 2,323.59
<b>Summary:</b>	Income	\$21,483.22
	Expenditure	\$45,588.95
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$24,105.73</b>
<b>Saleyard Reserves:</b>	Balance 01/07/13	\$ 59,884.26
	Balance 01/07/14	\$ 37,375.84
	Operational result to date	\$ 24,105.73
	<b>Projected 30/06/15 Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$121,365.83</b>

**Recommendation:**  
That Council note the information

**BRUCE QUARMBY**  
Director – Corporate & Urban Services

**18. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**

**NIL**

**19. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 08 OCTOBER 2014**