

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
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**PRESENT:** Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, John Walker, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim, Tom Cullen and Don Schieb. Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

**1.0 OPENING PRAYER**

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land, both past and present.

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr David O'Brien, the President of Quambone Community Resources Committee made a request to address Council at 9.30 a.m.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No formal deputations were booked for this meeting.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Two declarations of interest were recorded:

- 1) Cr Webb Item 19.2 Urgent Business
- 2) Cr Keady Item 11.3

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**1114 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 September 2014 be confirmed.

**1115 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 September 2014 be confirmed.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

i) Warren Road – the A/Director of Engineering Services advised that some heavy patching has been carried on the road. The General Manger stated that to date no information about the availability of funding has been forthcoming.

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ii) LEP – The Manager of Environmental Services informed the meeting that Mr Mike Svikis has invited expressions of interest for the further two planning issues proposed by Council. He also stated that Mr Wayne Garnsey from the Department of Planning has offered to return to Coonamble to further discuss with Council any issues with which he may be able to assist.

iii) Cr Keady referred to his request at the September meeting that minutes be on the website on Friday following the meeting. He said this request was not recorded. In discussing this matter, Councillors said it would be helpful if the business papers are online by Friday prior to the meeting.

iv) Combara Hall surrounds – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said he would follow up on the request to have slashing carried out at the Combara Hall.

v) Castlereagh River – Availability of water – Cr Schieb asked whether any response has been received to Council's enquiry regarding pumping water upstream of Coonamble – the General Manager replied that nothing has been received to date.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**1116 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**Business Arising from the Resolution Book Update:**

i) Caravan Park+Eco Spa Stage 2 – Investment Ready - Cr Burnheim asked about the status of this project. He said it was his opinion that Council get the caravan park operating properly and present the area in an attractive manner – saying that in its current state investors would not be interested.

The General Manager said that the previous council did not wish to spend money on the existing caravan park as it was intended to proceed with the eco spa as part of its overall upgrade. He suggested that Council improve the standard of the current park, upgrade cabins at the rear to make the area more appealing, saying the cost of providing an eco spa is estimated between \$3m and \$5m.

Cr Keady suggested that the eco spa be 'put aside' and the caravan park be upgraded – Cr Cullen was also of that opinion. The General Manager said that the Smith Park land is soon to be owned by Council and will be classified 'operational land'. Cr Burnheim said that this proposed project has been dragging on for years and if some finality cannot be reached by 30 June 2015 it should be "canned".

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The Mayor suggested that Council go ahead, call for expressions of interest and see what response is received, noting that in the meantime work will be underway at the caravan park.

ii) Speed Signs on Highway – Cr Schieb raised the matter of the number of speed signs on the highway between Gulargambone and Coonamble and Coonamble/Walgett. The A/Director of Engineering Services said she would be meeting with the RMS tomorrow and would raise the issue. She also informed Council that following Cr Schieb's request at the September meeting, a letter was forwarded to the RMS on the same matter.

**9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

**1117 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Karanouh that his report be received and dealt with.

**9.1 Fit for the Future Requirements – Workshop and Meeting**

Councillors debated this matter at length. Cr Burnheim said he was not in favour of participating in a pilot program with OROC, pointing out that Council had previously resolved to 'stand alone'. Cr Burnheim said, in his opinion, the participation in such a program is the first stage of the amalgamation process.

The General Manager reported that the resolution from the OROC Board was for a pilot program. The main reasoning behind participating in a "pilot" was to have input into the future charter of any joint organisation in which Council would become involved. He stated all Councils will be assessed for fit for the future and become part of a joint organisation – however, as a rural council or as an amalgamated council will be determined by the State Government.

**1118 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that the Mayor's report be noted and Council agree not to participate in the pilot program as proposed by the OROC Board and not become a member of the joint organisation.

At this juncture, the Principal and students of the Quambone Public School were welcomed to the meeting.

The Principal introduced School Captain, Holly Turnbull, who welcomed Council to Quambone and commended both Council and staff for doing a good job. Holly also referred to some items that could do with improvement and said both the students and the community would be grateful for anything that Council could do to help with these issues.

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Prior to leaving to return to school, the students sang a song recently composed by them about Quambone. The Mayor congratulated each and every one, thanked the Principal for bringing the students to the meeting and said Council would do everything it could to address the issues Holly brought forward.

**QUAMBONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

At this juncture, Mr David O'Brien, the President of Quambone Community Resources Committee, was present to advise Council that he had an offer to paint the exterior of the Quambone Hall. Mr O'Brien asked whether Council would consider a donation towards paint and if there would be scaffolding available to assist with the job.

Mr O'Brien thanked Council for its time and left the meeting. In response to a question regarding the cost of hiring a cherry-picker, the Manager of Environmental Services said approximately \$250/day. Council noted this request was included in the précis of correspondence (Item 10.4).

**1119 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council contribute up to \$5,000 to the Quambone Community Resources Committee towards painting the Memorial Hall and the funds be obtained from the Development Fund.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1120 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 SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1(44199)**

**1121 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb 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 retained by the Club.

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

**1122 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that Council agree to the Club conducting its annual carnival on Saturday 15 November and that the Club retain gate takings, however it does not accede to the request that the booking fee be waived.

Cr Keady enquired about free admission to the pools during school holidays – he was advised that this arrangement was a trial only for last season.

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**10.3 VICE-CHANCELLOR, CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY L3-1(44219)  
1123 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council write to the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton, supporting the establishment of the Murray-Darling Medical School by Charles Sturt University and La Trobe University.

**10.4 QUAMBONE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE D7**  
Requesting that Council agree to contribute towards the cost of paint for painting the Quambone Memorial Hall and it also provide scaffolding to assist in completing the job.

Council noted that this request was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

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

**10.5 THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP – MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
G5(44187)**

Referring to *Fit for the Future* and saying the 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. Asking every council in NSW to submit a proposal by **30 June 2015** outlining plans to become Fit for the Future.

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)

Council noted that matter was discussed earlier in the day during the Mayoral Report.

**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. Details of 2014/2015 grant calculations were included with the business paper for Councillors' information.

**1124 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council lodge a submission and that issues such as the aerodrome, unsealed roads, animal control and others at the General Manager's discretion, be included.

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**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.

**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. 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 MIKE BAIRD MP – PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES D9(44188)**

Thanking the Mayor for his letter regarding the ongoing drought and appreciating the time taken in meeting him on his tour. 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.

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**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

**1125 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the information contained in Item Nos 10.7 to 10.13 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS - SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**1126 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

**10.14 CSC EMPLOYEES' INDOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE D7(44254)**

**1127 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that Council agree to a contribution of \$350 towards costs of the Indoor Employees' Christmas Party.

**10.15 MRS N GREEN, MR TED FERNANDO, MRS N BARRETT & IAN BROWN ST6+R8-11**

Objecting to Council's proposal to close the northern end of Floyd Street, which serves as an access to the rear of their properties with frontage to both Wingadee and Calga Street. Requesting an on site meeting.

The General Manager said that while staff will meet with these people, it would be appropriate for some elected members to be present.

**1128 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to discuss this proposal on site with the four parties concerned and that both Crs Karanouh and Keady will also attend.

**10.16 GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL R8-3(44253)**

Advising that the John Renshaw Parkway will be closed for major road works within the Warrumbungle National Park. Pointing out work is scheduled to commence on Monday 20 October 2014 – Council will re-open the road between Friday 7 November and Sunday 9 November (inclusive) for the Crooked Mountain Concert on 8 November.

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**10.17 COONAMBLE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION C8-3(44260)**

Stating it has agreed to Council's request to share the Senior Citizens' hall with Vacation Care for use during school holidays. Hoping the arrangement is to Council's satisfaction.

Councillors noted this matter is the subject of a report later in the day by the Director of Community Services.

**10.18 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB L3(44273)**

Thanking Council for its sponsorship contribution for the Gulargambone Races on 27 September and advising it was a very successful day. Looking forward to Council's continued sponsorship.

**10.19 SUPERINTENDENT JAMES STEWART, CASTLEREAGH LAC  
MR7515(44278)**

Acknowledging Council's letter of 12 September in relation to RR7515 Coonamble / Warren Road requesting assistance from the highway patrol. Advising the matter has been referred to Duty Officer, Inspector Ralph, for attention.

**10.20 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13(44266)**

Advising the *10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme (10/50)* is an important program for the community introduced following last year's devastating fires. Pointing out that since 10/50 was introduced a number of councils raised concerns relating to the buffer, particularly in relation to smaller parcels of land and Category 2 vegetation. Saying that to address these concerns the NSW RFS – in consultation with councils – examined blocks of land and reviewed potential for fire spread and resultant damage. Advising that as a result a number of changes are being introduced which should address these concerns and advising the changes in detail.

Pointing out these changes will take effect from 30 September 2014 and the updated Guide is available at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) Saying that to assist councils with these new changes and to canvass broad issues on 10/50 the NSW RFS will facilitate a number of workshops across the state over the coming weeks – details will be distributed in the near future.

**1129 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the information contained in Item Nos 10.16 to 10.20 inclusive be noted.

**10.21 MRS KATE GADSBY I4-3**

Referring to the maintenance of Cordale Road – Shire Road 44 and Council's previous correspondence following the claim for damages to vehicle.

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The General Manager said that a copy of Mrs Gadsby's email and attachment has been forwarded to Councillors and he provided a brief overview of the issue. He said the engineering department inspects/monitors the Cordale Road in conjunction with other roads within the shire. Mr Warren said information from the engineering department is that the road has not been graded as it was to a satisfactory standard. Being a 'class 7 road' it is graded on written application and with Council approval in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan.

The General Manager also referred to the fact that property owners on the Cordale road had dragged heavy mesh behind a tractor down the road when it was wet, altering the contours of the road. He said that on Friday 12 September I drove the road to one kilometre past "Cordale" and was able to travel at 95 – 100 kph for the length of road except for two creek crossing locations, where speed was back to 60kph.

**1130 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council note the information relating to maintenance of the Cordale Road.

**10.22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW G5(44233)**

Advising that Council's application for funding under the Creative Ageing Local Government Grants Scheme was successful and congratulating Council on the quality of its application.

Council noted this advice refers to a grant of \$4,000 for a series of workshops and activities for the Gulargambone Women's Group. Item 1.7 of the Director of Community Services' report also refers.

**10.23 COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW COONAMBLE BRANCH G2.1(44289)**

Extending an invitation to a Councillor to attend a luncheon on Thursday 16 October 2014 – 1.30 p.m. in the CWA Rooms. Advising the Association is hosting lunch for 30 students, plus teachers, from Dirranbandi State School. Also requesting that Council again refund the general rate portion of the CWA's rate assessment.

**1131 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that Council agree to refund the general portion of the 2014/2015 rate assessment amounting to \$460 and that Cr John Walker will represent Council at the luncheon on 16 October.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**1132 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**1133 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note Development Application Nos 015/2014 and 017/2014 have been approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

**11.2 TOILET FACILITIES – COONAMBLE CEMETERY**

Councillors debated the need for a toilet at the cemetery, noting the cost will be in the vicinity of \$20,000. Suggestion that the lawn section needs to be extended and perhaps Council should allocate funds to this work instead.

**A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Karanouh **SECONDED** by Cr Keady that Council proceed with provision of a toilet along the southern fence near the lawn cemetery at an estimated cost of \$20,000 **Was Lost**.

Cr Keady declared an interest in the following item as a member of the Coonamble Show Society Board.

**11.3 COONAMBLE SHOW 2015**

**1134 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that, after consultation with stakeholders and consideration of submissions received, Council agree to apply for a public holiday on the second day of the Coonamble Show, being Wednesday 20 May 2015.

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

**1135 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council classify the following item 'urgent business' and it be dealt with.

**11.4 SPORT FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM**

The General Manager advised that the NSW Office of Sport has just announced that it has made funding available to assist in the development of local and regional level sport facilities, with applications closing 31 October.

**1136 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council make application to the NSW Office of Sport under the Sport Facility Program for a grant of \$30,000 to refurbish the changing rooms at the Sportsground and matching funds be sourced from the Development Fund.

Cr Schieb enquired about toilets and showers that were to be included in the Showground pavilion. It was noted that application for funding for the inclusion of toilets in the pavilion was not approved. The Manager of Environmental Services suggested that additional toilets not be located in the

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pavilion but sited at the back of the building, when appropriate funding becomes available.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1137 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**

**1138 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in the community services progress report be noted.

**12.2 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE SERVICE**

**1139 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the Director's report on the proposal to share the Senior Citizens Hall for vacation care be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1140 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following items be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

**12.3 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUNDING**

The Director reported that the Federal Government – Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development – has announced the National stronger Regions Fund has opened for applications, closing on 28 November 2014. The report put forward three options for Council's consideration:

1. New Tourism Centre
2. New Cabins at Caravan Park
3. Stormwater Harvesting Retention Basin – STP

Council noted the focus of the program is to strengthen regional economies through the development of infrastructure which is potentially self sufficient, has economic development benefits and shows a capacity for long term job creation where the project is located through direct and flow on benefits. It is also expected to support or address disadvantage in low social economic areas.

Cr Burnheim suggested a bulk handlers packing plant at Coonamble which would be a meaningful proposal and have extreme value to the community. He said the cost would be in the vicinity of \$10m - \$12m and Council would be the facilitator with grant funding and a public/private partnership arrangement.

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Cr Keady suggested that this be referred to the Economic Development Committee for consideration prior to making a decision. Cr Burnheim asked whether there was a plan for the caravan park. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Eco Spa Management Committee as a priority, noting the Committee consists of Crs Karanouh, Cullen and Keady.

**1141 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council agree to apply for funding for two projects, viz new cabins at the caravan park and stormwater harvesting retention basin at the sewage treatment works, with the cabins being Council's top priority **AND FURTHER** that matching funds for the new cabins project be sourced from the Indoor Arena reserve and for the retention pond at the treatment works from the Coonamble Sewerage fund reserve.

At this juncture, 10.39 a.m. Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed the meeting at 11.10 a.m.

**12.4 NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICE ELECTIONS**

**1142 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that Council, as a member of the NSW Public Libraries Association, participate in the Executive Office Elections and select the following candidates for election:

- (i) *Candidate for President – Cr Sue Wheloan OAM*
- (ii) *Candidate for Vice President – Cr Les Lambert*

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

**1143 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**

**1144 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 September 2014 be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**1145 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the list of investments as 30 September 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.

Cr Burnheim asked whether Council's Investment Policy is reviewed – the Director advised that from time to time it is and the last time was when legislative changes were introduced.

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**13.3 CCTV CAMERA NETWORK – REPAIRS / UPGRADE**

**1146 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council carry out the works outlined in the Director's report in the current financial year for the upgrading and repairs of the CCTV camera network and allocate the additional funding of \$30,060 from Urban Streets & Indoor Arena reserves.

**13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1147 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the works in progress as submitted by the Director of Corporate and Urban Services be noted.

It was noted that the decision regarding free admission to the pools for school students during school holidays would be listed for the November meeting.

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

**1148 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 DISH DRAIN – DUBBO STREET**

**1149 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council source the \$60,000 required for this work from the Roads Reserve and that the Urban Roads vote as decided by Council at the July meeting not be altered.

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1150 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that the works in progress report supplied by the A/Director of Engineering Services be noted.

**1151 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that the engineering department staff monitor harvest traffic and not program road works during harvest season where they will unduly inconvenience the transport of grain.

Cr Schieb referred to dangerous conditions on the State Highway near Kelly's property. The A/Director said that the RMS is still to make a decision on how this work will be funded.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1152 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

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**15.1 DOMESTIC ANIMAL POLICY**

**1153 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker 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.

**15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014**

**1154 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 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**1155 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the following minutes be noted.

**16.1 Coonamble Youth Council Meeting** - minutes of meeting held on 3 September 2014.

**1156 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the minutes of the Coonamble Youth Council meeting be noted.

**17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**1157 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Saleyards report be received and noted.

In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that expenditure shown in the saleyards account includes maintenance, insurance and rates, it is not only wages.

**1158 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that the Saleyards account for period 1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014 be noted.

**18.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**1159 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb 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"*

**1160 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**1161 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

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

**1162 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council adopt the following recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 and 19.1 and 19.2, as follows :

**18.1 Tenders – Construction of Amenities Block at Coonamble Caravan Park**

***That Council :***

- 1) *accept the tender submitted by Wayne Mulholland Building Services, in the recommended tender amount of \$389,589, for Contract No TD14-1 – Coonamble Caravan Park Amenities Block;*
- 2) *authorise the affixing of the Seal to the relevant documents.*

**19.0 URGENT BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

**1163 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following matter be classified “urgent” and dealt with:

**19.1 Sale of Property – Cnr Castlereagh & Tooloon Streets**

*Report by General Manager following the recent auction of the subject property.*

***That Council*** *place the property on the market at \$160,000 for private treaty sale and consider offers or any other proposal for sale.*

At this juncture, Cr Webb left the room, after declaring an interest in the following matter

**19.2 Expressions of Interest – Lease Pt Lot 94 DP44844 – Warrena Creek Recreation Reserve**

***That Council*** *not accept either of the submissions for lease of the subject area and advise the two interested parties that the land will not be leased.*

Cr Webb returned to the meeting.

**20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Walker:**

- Bus Shelters – the A/Director of Engineering Services advised that the shelters have been ordered.

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**Cr Cullen:**

- Grain harvest – asked if Council was participating in the grain harvest program with the RMS. The General Manager replied ‘yes’.
- Requested a letter of support to the RTC regarding Westpac agency.

**Cr Schieb:**

- Telstra black-spots – give publicity in the local newspaper.
- Request that road signs be inspected – excessive number of signs on the highway – varying speed considerably and are at least 15 years out of date. The A/Director said she would mention this to the RMS Inspector who visits weekly to inspect the highway and signage.
- Radio Station – asked whether Council would provide support if the Radio Station decided to purchase the former ambulance building – it was agreed that Council would support as appropriate.

**General Manager:**

- Letter re multi peril insurance for primary producers – said the Economic Development Committee endorsed the concept across the board, however the figures provided will not be included.

**Mayor:**

- Referred to Origin Energy staff not reading electricity meters and members of the community then receiving letters saying the meters could not be read and giving, in a lot of cases, a false reason.

**1164 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that Council write a letter of complaint to Origin Energy and seeking a response as to why meters are not being read.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.42 p.m.

These Pages (1/5551 to 16/5566) were confirmed on the TWELFTH day of NOVEMBER 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 OCTOBER 2014.

**MAYOR**