

5 November 2014

**The next Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held in the Shire Chamber, Coonamble on Wednesday 12 November 2014, commencing at 9.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
 General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

10.00 a.m. *Mrs Isobel McDermott & Friends*  
Citizenship Ceremony – Morning Tea

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT QUAMBONE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.**

**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 Manager stated that to date no information about the availability of funding has been forthcoming.

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".

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.

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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Octobe

**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.

**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.

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.

### **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 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.

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.

### **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.

**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.

**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.

**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**

**7.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE  
SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE  
ON TUESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim, Tom Cullen and Don Schieb.  
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren and the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby.

**APOLOGY**

**1165 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Keady that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Michael Webb.

**BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting and explained that he wanted all Councillors to have the opportunity to fully discuss the Joint Organisation Pilot Program in light of the discussion held last week with Jason Gordon after the October Council meeting.

He has spoken with the OROC Chair and all OROC Councils, with the exception of Brewarrina, are participating in the pilot program. Expressions of interest for a pilot program close on 17 October and it would be good if all the OROC councils were in support.

Cr Burnheim said the motion he moved at the October meeting was not correct as it also included “...*that Council not become a member of a joint organisation*”. The General Manager replied that the minutes had not been confirmed and this would be amended

It was noted that a meeting has been proposed to be held on 5 November 2014 to discuss the definition and roles of a “rural council”.

The General Manager informed Council that all councils will be assessed as “fit for the future” and that the proposal is that all regional/rural councils will be part of a joint organisation. From the assessment for “fit for the future”, the government would probably make decisions on rural councils or amalgamations.

Councillors discussed the issue at length – the General Manager informed the meeting that prior to any other motion being moved in regard to a joint organisation, Council needed to rescind Resolution No 1118 of 8 October 2014.

**1166 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council rescind Resolution No 1118 of 8 October 2014 being :

*“...that the Mayor’s report be noted and Council not agree to participate in the pilot program as proposed by OROC Board and not become a member of a joint organisation”.*

A division was called for:	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
	Karanouh	Burnheim
	Schieb	Keady
	Cullen	Walker

The Mayor used his casting vote to rescind Resolution No 1118 of 8 October 2014.

#### **MOTION**

**1167 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council participate in the Joint Organisation pilot program with the OROC councils on the following conditions:

- 1) Council retains complete autonomy
- 2) Council retains complete control over its finances
- 3) Voting rights to be on the basis of one vote per council
- 4) Local decisions be made by local councils
- 5) Council reserves the right to withdraw from the pilot.

Division:	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
	Karanouh	Burnheim
	Schieb	Keady
	Cullen	Walker

The Mayor used his casting vote to carry the motion.

In closing, Cr Karanouh thanked Councillors for the discussion and reiterated it was a difficult decision and that he respects the opinion of each Councillor, however he believed this is the best course of action to take and, while he does not like to use his casting vote preferring a consensus decision, it had to be done to address the reform agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

These Pages (1/5567 to 2/5568) were confirmed on the TWELFTH day of NOVEMBER 2014 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 OCTOBER 2014.

MAYOR

**8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 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 signed by Council and returned to Solicitor on 24 October 2014.**

**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:**

**Office of the Registrar has advised that information has been forwarded to the Minister for Lands for his review and appropriate action regarding acquisition of the land. The Office of Local Government has been advised accordingly. (See Précis of Correspondence – Item 10.14)**

**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:**

**Response from RMS indicates it is part of a regional road network and as such the RMS has no additional funding available, outside normal Block Grants. See Item 10.7 in Precis of Correspondence.**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

*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.**

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

**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.

**Status:**

**Meeting held – Mayor and staff met with complainants – outcome inconclusive. Council’s current resolution, unless rescinded, is to close the end of Floyd Street.**

**8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED****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.  
COMPLETED.**

**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:**

**Policy developed and presented to this meeting as an item in the General Manager's report. Training has been scheduled for December meeting day.  
COMPLETED.**

## **9. MAYORAL REPORT** **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

### **9.1 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

In company with the General Manager I travelled to Coffs Harbour on Sunday 19 October 2014 to attend the Local Government Conference on the following two days.

During the course of the conference many motions were debated, with a large majority relevant to financial sustainability, cost shifting and changes made to the financial assistance grants by the Federal Government, resulting in less money flowing through to the local councils. Other significant issues related to planning in metropolitan areas and the increase required for public library operation.

Council's motion *"That the LGNSW lobby the State and Federal Governments to recognise prolonged drought is a natural disaster and introduce a multi-peril insurance scheme to provide relief under these exceptional circumstances"* was not debated as the LGNSW Board determined it was covered by existing provisions and the organisation continues to advocate on drought and natural disaster funding.

The Conference was opened by the Premier, the Hon Mike Baird MP, who was glowing in his appreciation of the role played by local government in delivering services in partnership with the State Government. He also reiterated the position of the Government that the status quo is not sustainable.

The President of LGNSW, Cr Keith Rhoades, while acknowledging the need for reform, identified that there is cost-shifting from the NSW Government to local government in excess of \$520 million a year. In particular, Cr. Rhoades questioned whether the government's position of no forced amalgamations would remain should the State Government be re-elected in March 2015. Cr Rhoades thanked the State Government for putting up the cuts to the pensioner rate rebate for the 2014/2015 year.

Local Government Minister, the Hon Paul Toole, also addressed the conference on the Tuesday morning. The Minister spoke of helping councils improve their financial situation and infrastructure backlog through the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme. He also stated there would be changes to the Local Government Act to enable councils to work together more easily, also included would be two year terms for mayors. The Minister gave an overview of the "fit for the future" program – in particular, making reference to the funding that would potentially be provided by the government should councils take up what is obviously the government's preferred options, i.e. merged councils, joint organisations and other governance structures.

In response, Cr Rhoades informed the conference that LGNSW was consistently asking the NSW Government what will happen to councils that are not deemed “fit for the future”, however there was no assurance that councils would not be forced to merge.

A panel session was facilitated by Ellen Fanning relating to the “Revitalising Local Government” report. This quickly focused on the “fit for the future” program and the many gaps and unknowns to date. The panel included Cr Keith Rhoades, Cr Bruce Miller and the Acting CEO from the Office of Local Government (OLG), Mr Steve Orr.

Naturally many questions were directed to the OLG about potential Joint Organisations and amalgamations – no new information was provided. The A/CEO indicated there had been expressions of interest for pilot joint organisations and the government was assessing them to decide which would be trialled.

The question was asked “What will happen if a council does not participate in the ‘fit for the future’ program?” The A/CEO responded that the program is voluntary and should a council not participate, the panel reviewing councils submissions to the program, would form their own opinion and make a recommendation to the government in any event.

The conference was also addressed by the Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC, Shadow Minister for Local Government, who confirmed that the Labor Party is committed to “No Forced Amalgamations” as part of its policy.

## **9.2 FUNCTIONS ATTENDED SINCE LAST MEETING**

In the course of my duties I have attended the following functions:

- Country Women’s Association Annual Conference – Coonamble Golf Club. It was a very successful event and I was pleased to see the large number of ladies in attendance.
- Book Launch at Gulargambone – On 25 October I attended the Book Launch at Gulargambone. I purchased a copy of Mrs Best’s book and it will be tabled at the meeting for interested Councillors to peruse. The Shire is well served by the Historical Societies in both Coonamble and Gulargambone.

**AHMAD (Allan) KARANOUH**  
**Mayor**

**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

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

**10.1      ROLEY GREEN                      T6(44330)**

Saying the trees already planted in Railway Street are doing well and seeking Council's permission to plant 12 more trees up to the saleyards. Advising that Council's workers assisted him previously and hoping they would be able to assist with the new plantings. Advising the cost to continue is \$849 (i.e. trees, etc \$535.00 and materials \$314.00).

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Councillors should note the additional costs to the amount of \$849 supplied by Mr Green for this project will be:

- |              |                 |           |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| • Labour     | \$991.00        |           |
| • Plant Hire | <u>\$714.00</u> | \$1,705 ) |

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to have an additional 12 trees planted in Railway Street, advise Mr Green it will pay the cost of \$849 for the trees and materials, plus labour and plant hire and that Council staff will assist with planting, noting that the total cost will be \$2,554.00**

**10.2      ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL                      D7(44345)**

Referring to its Presentation Night which will be held on Friday 12 December. Seeking Council's continued support in a financial contribution towards prizes for students on the night.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Each year Council contributes \$100 to each of the five schools within the Shire towards their presentation night awards.)

**10.3      GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL                      D7(44411)**

Advising its annual Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014 and asking whether Council would consider continuing its sponsorship towards prizes for Year Two and Year Five Book Awards.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five schools within the Shire towards prizes for their Presentation of Awards functions.**

**10.4 COONAMBLE STREETS AHEAD COMMITTEE R8-10(44425)**

Advising the annual Christmas party will be held on 11 December commencing 5.30 p.m. and requesting closure of Castlereagh Street to all traffic, from the Peace Tree to Aberford Street intersection from 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to close off Castlereagh Street as requested for the Christmas Party on 11 December 2014 from 5.30m p.m. until 9.30 p.m. and provide barricades in accordance with previous years.**

**10.5 GREG READFORD, "MAFEKIN" COONAMBLE MR7515**

Asking that this matter be tabled at Council's meeting. Advising that a long time ago Council requested a small section of land from "Mafekin" to assist with realignment of MR 7515 at the intersection of Talegar Lane and the Combara/Warren Road. Pointing out the 'handshake' agreement was to improve the curve and intersection of the road and, at the time, Council was to maintain the ramp and transfer land to "Mafekin" to compensate for that taken for the road improvement. Stating that Council did not proceed with the legal process to transfer the land – no compensation was payable as the same area of land was involved in each case. Requesting that the legal transfer of both areas so that he can properly fence his property on the new boundary. Saying the only cost to Council would be the survey charge.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council be provided with a report into the claim made regarding transfer of land at "Mafekin" on MR7515**

**10.6 PRESIDENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW M3-1**

Forwarding an invitation to attend the Local Government NSW Christmas Reception on Thursday 4 December 2014 from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. at the InterContinental Sydney – RSVP required by Friday 21 November 2014.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council nominate the Mayor as its representative at the Christmas Reception being held by Local Government NSW on Thursday 4 December 2014.**

<b>10.7 CSC OUTDOOR EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE D7</b>
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Advising the break up party this year will be held on Friday 19 December 2014 at the Coonamble RSL Club. Requesting a contribution towards the function and approval for a half day holiday from 12 noon on the day. Inviting Council to join staff during the afternoon for refreshments and a Christmas drink.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council normally contributes \$500 towards the Outdoor Staff Christmas Party)

<b>Recommendation: For Council's determination</b>
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**Section B – Matters for Information Only:****10.8 A/CEO, OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT F2+G5(44355)**

Referring to Council's application for a 3% loan interest subsidy under the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) Round Three for the LIRS Roads project. Advising applications were assessed by an Assessment Panel in accordance with the funding criteria set out in the LIRS Guidelines and unfortunately Council's application was not successful. Pointing out that tighter funding restrictions meant that the application process was very competitive for this round and many very worthy projects missed out, as only the highest ranking could be considered at this time.

**10.9 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES, PARKES C6-13(44294)**

Referring to the proposed truck stop near the intersection of the Baradine/Pilliga Roads and advising that Baradine Road is a Regional Road under the management of Council. Pointing out there is no specific funding for Truck Rest Areas on Regional Roads, however Council does receive funding from the RMS as a contribution to maintenance under the Regional Roads Block Grant. Saying that in 2014/15 Council will receive \$1,239,000 under the Block Grant from which Council could choose to fund the project.

**10.10 TROY GRANT MP G5-6(44291)**

Advising the NSW Government has increased public library funding in the 2014/15 budget to help public libraries better meet the needs of local communities. Saying that following the 2011 election the Government rolled out the successful Revitalising Regional Libraries Program which has delivered excellent results. Stating that under the new Public Libraries Infrastructure Grant program councils will be able to apply for funding to improve accessibility for the broader community. Advising that Council will receive a library subsidy payment of \$25,364 in 2014/2015.

**10.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW D9-1(44312)**

Writing regarding a motion Council suggested for consideration at the 2014 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference and saying while it covers legitimate concerns and is listed in the business paper the Board has decided that it not be discussed as it is covered by existing policy and/or recent action.

Pointing out it does not need debate because it is covered by the positions LGNSW has and continues to advocate to NSW and Australian Governments on drought and natural disaster funding including for farming businesses. Saying this includes submissions and representations to the National Natural Disaster Funding Inquiry, Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement Determinations, Inquiry into Economic and Social Development in Central

Western NSW, National Drought Policy Review and Western Australia Drought Policy Pilot.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The resolution put forward by Council is :  
“That LGNSW lobby State and Federal Governments to recognise prolonged drought as a natural disaster and introduce a multi-peril insurance scheme to provide relief under these exceptional circumstances”)

**10.12 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE D5-4**

Thanking Council staff for carrying out maintenance at the Centre in a very professional and workmanlike manner and the Committee is very pleased with the outcome. Also congratulating Council staff on the presentation of the car park at the rear of the Centre – saying travellers and visitors make positive comment about the appearance of the area.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The employees concerned are Kris Parsons, Fred Blattman, Neal Coombes and Michael Quilkey and the message has been conveyed to them).

**10.13 CEO, MUSEUMS & GALLERIES OF NSW G6-17(44349)**

Thanking Council for its application for a 2014 Building Improvement Funding Program Grant and saying the program attracted a significant number of strong applications which resulted in a very competitive assessment process for funds available. Advising Council’s application for funding to assist the project “Building Assessment – Museum under the Bridge” was not successful as it was not considered as urgent as some of the more pressing conservation and planning needs of the other expressions of interest.

**10.14 MARK COULTON MP – FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARKES D5(44346)**

Thanking Council for its letter regarding multi-peril insurance for primary producers and saying he has contacted the Minister for Agriculture on Council’s behalf. Stating the Minister is aware of the multi-peril insurance products available and recognises the risk management benefits they offer to farmers. Pointing out the Government does not, however, wish to endorse any particular commercial product and feels that the uptake of multi-peril insurance must be a decision for individual farmers.

**10.15 OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR A2+G1**

Forwarding copy of letter sent to NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Parramatta noting the receipt of correspondence to amend ALC 13115 to exclude Lots 1 & 2, DP10077892, in accordance with the request. Advising records have been updated and the request forwarded to the Minister for Lands for his review and appropriate action.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This is in connection with Council's application to acquire land for extension of the Coonamble Waste Depot. Although the letter was dated 25 July 2014, it was received by Council on 4 November 2014).

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
4 November 2014

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 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	S Pettiford	Owner	Steel shed	"Dallas" Walgett Rd Coonamble	17/09/2014
17/14	CBA	Planning Approvals Section	Alteration of existing building & relocation of ATM	60 Aberford Street Coonamble	18/09/2014

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 that Development Application Nos.015/2014 and 107/2014 were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.**

**11.2 COUNCILLOR TRAINING POLICY**

**Author:** *Council's Manager of Human Resources – Amanda Nixon.*

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program –**  
**L1.4.13 Progressively address training needs and upgrade training plans.**

**Background:**

In accordance with part 7 of Resolution No 843 of the April 2014 meeting a policy has been developed for Council's consideration: **APPENDIX A.**

*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.*

**Issues:**

While the Councillor Training Policy was developed in response to the resolution Min 0843/19.1, the policy was expanded to include all aspects of training and development for Councillors to ensure best practice when Councillors are performing their civic duties.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Code of Conduct

**Financial Considerations:**

A Councillor training expenses budget is allocated annually and all associated costs are governed by the Councillor Expenses Facilities Policy. The budget for 2014-15 is \$7,000.

**Options:**

1. That Council endorse the Councillor Training Policy for adoption.
2. That Council not endorse the Councillor Policy for adoption.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council place the Councillor Training Policy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting submissions from the public, before formally adopting the policy,**

**11.3 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD**

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

**Background:**

For many years Council closed its Office between the Christmas and New Year period.

**Issues:**

This year Christmas Day falls on a Thursday, with public holidays being Thursday and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December – New Year's Day falls on the following Thursday.

In keeping with its resolution from the November 2011 meeting, staff will be required to avail themselves of leave provisions for the closedown.

Council may wish to consider closing at 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and re-open Monday, 5 January 2015. Staff will be required to take leave for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday, 30 December, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Council is party to the Local Government (State) Award 2014. The Award contains provisions relevant to this situation.

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:**

Not close the Office during the Christmas/New Year period.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council close the Office at close of business Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and staff use leave provisions for the four days not covered by public holidays.**

<b>11.4 COONAMBLE SES BUILDING</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:***

***14.2 Ensure long term management and protection of our community assets***

**Background:**

The Coonamble Shire SES facility was built in 1982 with major upgrades being undertaken in 1997 and 2001. Council owns the building and land on which it is located. Council currently holds the building at a written down value of \$92,000.

**Issues:**

Council has received a letter from the SES advising the building is in desperate need of repairs due to land movement which has caused extensive damage to the structure, extensions, footings and internal walls.

The SES also states that the building was not originally designed for the purpose it now fulfils and is lacking in many areas to properly service the needs of the unit and community during emergencies.

The SES points out it is the lead combat agency for flood and storm response and also the accredited secondary general land rescue provider in Coonamble. The Service is made up entirely of volunteers, with around 13 current members who provide both the community and other local emergency services with invaluable support during emergencies.

The SES is seeking support from Council to either carry out the repairs or, preferably look at constructing a purpose-built facility alongside the current structure that would better meet current and future needs.

Under s17 of the State Emergency Services Act 1989 councils are required to provide suitable facilities.

*S17(5) The council of a local government area must within three months of the appointment of a local controller for the area provide (free of charge) suitable training facilities and storage and office accommodation to enable the local controller to exercise his or her functions.*

*S17(6) Any such facilities and accommodation are to be of a standard approved by the Commissioner.*

The SES has recently had a facility built at Dunedoo and is completing a building at Nyngan at an anticipated cost of \$300,000. Copies of the building specifications have been requested from the Regional Controller.

Council has put money into reserve from the 2013/2014 financial year, however there is not sufficient available for these works and for specific maintenance items required at the Rural Fire Service facility.

It would be appropriate to consider the issues at the SES building in conjunction with the 20145/2016 estimates process following a detailed report being prepared in consultation with the SES Regional Controller.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- NSW SES Act 1989

**Financial Considerations:**

Council is not in a financial position to construct a new facility at an estimated cost of \$300,000.

**Options:**

- (1) Inform the SES that Council considers the current building satisfactory for the purpose.
- (2) Plan towards replacement or refurbishment of the building in the 2015/2016 financial year.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council :**

- (a) note the report and its relevant obligations under s17 of the State Emergency Services Act 1989;
- (b) consider the refurbishment/replacement of the current SES building in conjunction with the 2015/2016 estimates process.

<b>11.5 FIT FOR THE FUTURE - FACILITATOR PANEL &amp; TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.1 Lobby against forced Local Government amalgamations.***

**Background:**

A *Fit for the Future* Facilitators Panel has been announced by the Office of Local Government. This announcement makes available fully funded facilitators to assist groups of councils to identify and explore the option of merging. The OLG has also issued a request for information to establish a panel of Technical experts who may be called upon by councils to assist with current operating and strategic positions. Both documents attached – **APPENDIX B.**

**Issues:**

The OLG, in keeping with the reform of NSW Local Government, has provided councils with a Facilitation Support Guide for use by councils.

Council has been informed that its relationship manager from the OLG is Mr Duncan Jamison who will act as the first point of contact to help council access the services available for *Fit for the Future* processes.

According to the OLG, it has appointed a panel of expert facilitators who will assist, at the request of councils, bring councils together to discuss structural change. Councils requesting facilitation will be asked to nominate two preferred Facilitators from the Panel.

Councils may submit proposals for scale and capacity that are different from the recommendations made by the Panel, so long as they are broadly consistent with the Panel's recommendation.

The panel recommended the following structural change for Coonamble Shire Council – *“Establish a Rural Council or potentially merge with Gilgandra”*.

From the guidelines issued by OLG in regard to joint organisations, the following is noted - *“It is anticipated that all general purpose councils would be members of the governing body of one Joint Organisation”*. The Minister for Local Government has stated in his foreword *“We will provide more than \$5 million in seed funding; \$300,000 for each of the 15 Joint Organisations”*. It would appear that membership of a joint organisation will be mandated.

The current councils of Coonamble, Gilgandra, Bogan, Warren, Narromine, Dubbo, Wellington and Warrumbungle are proposed to fall within the boundaries of the ORANA Joint Organisation. However, the following structural changes are recommended by the panel for these councils:

- Warrumbungle - No change
- Narromine - Potentially merge with Dubbo
- Wellington - Potentially merge with Dubbo
- Dubbo - Potentially merge with Wellington and/or Narromine
- Gilgandra - Establish a rural council or potentially merge with Coonamble
- Bogan - Establish a rural council or potentially merge with Warren
- Warren – Establish a rural council or potentially merge with Bogan.

In October 2014 the OLG released a request for information paper to establish a Technical advisory Panel for the *Fit for the Future* process. This would appear to be as well as the Facilitation Panel identified to date. Stated in this document *“The government has been very clear on the need for structural change in local government and having the right scale and capacity is the first step in becoming Fit for the Future. There is an expectation that councils will make a proposal to become Fit for the Future based on the structural recommendations made by the Independent Local Government Review Panel. Those councils for whom the ILGRP did not proposal structural change must address the other Fit for the Future criteria”*.

The recurrent theme throughout all the documentation is that the OLG expects councils to address the structural changes proposed by the ILGRP.

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

Local Government is mentioned in the NSW Constitution Act 1902, s51

#### **51 Local Government**

(1) *There shall be a system of local government for the State under which duly elected or duly appointed local government bodies are constituted with responsibilities for the better government of those parts of the State that are from time to time subject to that system of local government.*

(2) *The manner in which local government bodies are constituted and the nature and extent of their powers, authorities, duties and functions shall be as determined by or in accordance with laws of the Legislative.*

The OLG has indicated there will be changes to the Local Government Act following from the report of the Local Government Acts Taskforce. The Government’s response to recommendation 33 states that *“the government will seek to amend the Local Government Act to provide an opportunity for councils choosing to merge voluntarily to undergo a streamlined process”*. The government has avoided all referral of any boundary adjustment, merger or amalgamation to the Boundaries Commission as is required under the current Local Government Act, section 218F.

**Financial Considerations:**

To date the OLG has indicated there are funds available for various proposals under its reform process – funds for mergers, funds for joint organisations and funds for facilitators. Funds for the technical experts should councils avail themselves of the services are not known. It has also been made clear that councils who do not comply with the Government's agenda will not be able to make use of any funding authority initiatives the government may provide in the future.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information relating to the Facilitators Panel and the proposed Technical Expert Panel.**

**11.6 SALE OF PROPERTY – CNR CASTLEREAGH AND  
TOOLOON STREETS**

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

*14.2 Ensure long term management and protection of our  
community assets*

**Background:**

The above property failed to sell at auction and was, soon after, sold through negotiation to the losing bidder for \$150,000.

**Issues:**

A negotiated price was agreed to by Councillors via email due to the next Council Meeting not being held for four weeks.

Council will need to confirm, by resolution, to accept the price agreed to with the purchaser.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:****That Council:**

- (a) accept the negotiated price of \$150,000 for the property on the corner of Castlereagh Street and Tooloon Street;
- (b) put into effect the transfer of the property to the purchaser;
- (c) authorise the affixing of the Seal to relevant documents.

<b>11.7 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – NEWSLETTER 3</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.1 Lobby against forced Local Government amalgamations.***

**Background:**

The office of Local Government has released Newsletter 3 and two templates to assist council complete the government's reform of the local government sector.

**APPENDIX C****Issues:**

The media release of 31 October 2014, among other self-proclaimed statements was *"The tools that councils across NSW will receive today will provide their Fit for the Future proposal"*,

Council received the following:

**(1) Self Assessment Tool**

- a twenty four page excel spreadsheet requiring data input by council staff. This data is to be taken from the last three years annual statements and relates to general fund only.

Following entry of the data the government will determine if council meets the sever criteria for Fit for the Future. The criteria being:

- (1) Operating Performance Ratio (greater or equal to break-even average over 3 years)
- (2) Own Source Revenue (greater than 60% average over 3 years)
- (3) Building and Infrastructure Asset Renewal Ratio (greater than 100% average over 3 years)
- (4) Infrastructure Ratio backlog (less than 2%)
- (5) Asset Maintenance Ratio (greater than 100% average over 3 years)
- (6) Debt Service Ratio (greater than 0 and less than or equal to 20% average over 3 years)
- (7) A decrease in Real Operating Expenditure per capita over time.

Council staff will be uploading data and how we measure against the criteria will be available shortly and reported to the December Council meeting.

The other "tools" made available to Council are in regard to:

(1) Council Improvement Proposal – Template & Guidelines

This template is designed for councils that will not be undertaking a voluntary merger or adopting the Rural Council Model.

(2) Council Merger Proposal – Template & Guidelines

This template is for councils who intend to undertake a voluntary merger.

With regard to “Rural Councils” – definition provided by Office of Local Government FAQ:

*“A rural council is an alternative model of local government with very small populations and budgets. It could have a reduced number of councillors, fewer council meetings and may share its administrative functions with an adjoining council or Joint Organisation. It would have simplified regulatory, compliance and reporting requirements, with more complex regulatory responsibilities supported by another partner council or Joint Organisation with the requisite expertise”.*

Apart from the above definition, the OLG has provided little advice on what a rural council shall look like. At the time of writing, meetings are scheduled for 5 November 2014 to discuss the issue (Agenda attached). The OLG has stated that a basic model for Rural Councils should be finalised by December 2014.

Water & Sewer Utilities

The Fit for the Future assessment relates only to general fund NOT water and sewer. The future of water and sewer is unknown. A guide may be found in the State Infrastructure Strategy 2012-2031 Part 12.

12.3.1 Local Water Utilities

*“As water supply and wastewater treatment options become increasingly more complex, the ability of small remote LWU to deliver required services and maintain assets efficiently is severely constrained. ... To maximise the efficiency of water and wastewater management, aggregation of water and wastewater delivery needs to occur across Regional NSW.”*

*Recommendation 52 of the Report* “Merge regional water authorities from 105 to around 30” in a five year timeframe. A cynic would imagine a joint organisation an appropriate vehicle for this recommendation.

Throughout the process of Destination 2036, which has morphed into Fit for the Future, the OLG has been refining the parameters of the process and funnelling down to a result which, for a council such as ours, would only appear to be a choice of a merger with Gilgandra or a rural council. All documentation now explicitly states councils must use the Panel’s recommendations as a starting point, Council’s business plans and future strategy must now be consistent with the panel recommendations.

**Legislative/Sustainability:** N/A

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note that the Office of Local Government has provided templates for councils in regard to voluntary merges and for Council Improvement proposals and that guidelines for rural councils are expected from the OLG by December 2014.**

<b>11.8 RESCISSION MOTION</b>
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The following Notice of Rescission has been received – the relevant Councillors have given notice of their intention to move, at this meeting, for the rescission of the resolution:

**DISH DRAIN – DUBBO STREET**  
*Minute No 1099* ) **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and  
*of* ) *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*  
*10 September 2014*) *Urban Roads vote*

Signed: Michael Webb )  
William Burnheim )14 October 2014  
John Walker )

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The resolution will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting).

<b>11.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT</b>
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PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Eco Spa + Caravan Park [EC2.1.7, I2.1.2]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contracts signed and returned 23 October for purchase of Smith Park.</li> <li>2. Review of Eco Spa documentation in light of changes to park layout with new amenities.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allow 42 days from exchange of contracts.</li> <li>2. Amended DA will need to be submitted. Possible need to update architect's plans and drawings.</li> </ol>
Support new and existing business [EC 2.1.2]  [L1.1.3]  [P1.3.3]  [EC 2.1.5]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions:</b> provide information, advocacy and referral. Follow up RMS re Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station, and Abattoir re EPA approval.</li> <li>2. <b>Chamber of Commerce</b> – attended Sept and Oct meetings.</li> <li>3. <b>Business Awards</b> – assisted Chamber with nomination process, advertising and awards night organisation.</li> <li>4. <b>Inquiries New Residents</b> – respond to online inquiries from prospective residents.</li> <li>5. <b>Online Business Directory</b> – update business details on <a href="http://www.localinfo.org.au">www.localinfo.org.au</a>.</li> <li>6. <b>Small Business Friendly Councils</b> – consulted with local business, local Chamber and NSW Business Chamber re possible Business Improvement Processes to adopt.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delays in response by RMS to finalise lease with Batterline for HVIS. Delays with EPA for Abattoir approval. Assistance and/or referral provided to 15 new and existing businesses. New businesses include: KMC Driver Training, Max Save Chemist Gular, massage therapist Gular.</li> <li>2. Next Chamber meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>3. Business Awards – Approx 300 nominations received for 34 businesses. Awards Night Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at Coonamble RSL.</li> <li>4. 3 new resident inquiries for Sept/Oct (2 Coonamble, 1 Gular).</li> <li>5. New businesses added to Online Business Directory.</li> <li>6. Small Business Friendly Councils – 3 business improvement processes adopted.</li> </ol>

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Employment Circle [EC2.1.4, EC3.3.1]]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Convened Employment Circle meetings held 9 September and 14 October.</li> <li>2. <b>Work for the Dole</b> – refer community organisations to Job Service Agencies.</li> <li>3. <b>Learner Driver Programs</b> – co-ordinate discussions re funding and delivery.</li> <li>4. <b>Centrelink access and compliance issues</b> – liaise with local agencies and Centrelink management Dubbo.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See Employment Circle meeting notes attached. Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>2. Work for the Dole – progressing. CHS Canteen and Anglican Church seeking to participate.</li> <li>3. CRTC and CNC to deliver consecutive driver training programs from October to February. Sufficient funds to subsidise up to approx. 420 hours of supervised driver training at 50% of cost.</li> <li>4. Centrelink Regional Manager to attend November meeting.</li> </ol>
Economic Development Committee [EC2.1.1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Impact of drought – letter to politicians re Multi Peril Insurance.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Response received from M Coulton.</li> </ol>
Advocacy [EC2.1.5]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mobile Black Spot Program</b> –</li> <li>2. <b>Regional Aviation Services Inquiry</b> –</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>See attached Progress Report.</b></li> <li>2. Standing Committee on State Development Report 38 'Regional Aviation Services' released 23 October 2014. Councillors have been supplied a copy of the full report.</li> </ol>
Orana EDO Network [P1.3.3] [EC3.4.5]	<p>Attend EDO Meeting 29 October in Coonabarabran.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional Relocation Project –</li> <li>2. Workforce Planning &amp; Development Project – promoted Workforce Planning Forum to local businesses and employers.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BushMedia selected to produce website, brand, marketing collateral to recruit new residents to the region.</li> <li>2. Forums held in Mudgee, Dubbo, <b>Coonamble – (16<sup>th</sup> October)</b>. 10 people attended Coonamble Forum including 5 local employers and CHS Careers Adviser.</li> </ol>

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

<b>11.10 REPORT ON MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM AT OCTOBER 2014</b>
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**Author:** *Council's Manager - Economic Development – Lee O'Connor*

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To bring Councillors up to date on progress of the federal government's Mobile Black Spot Programme.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mobile Black Spot Programme is an Australian Government initiative to extend mobile phone coverage and competition in regional, remote and outer metropolitan areas. The programme will improve coverage along major transport routes, in small communities and in locations prone to experiencing natural disasters, as well as addressing unique mobile coverage problems. The programme will invest in telecommunications network infrastructure to improve mobile phone coverage and competition in the provision of these services.

The Government has committed \$100 million (GST exclusive) over four years to the delivery of the Mobile Black Spot Programme. The Government's investment is expected to generate an additional \$100 million of funding from industry, local and state governments, and communities.

The Mobile Black Spot Programme is expected to provide around 250-300 new or upgraded mobile base stations across Australia, depending on the level of co-contributions that can be attracted.

**PROGRESS:**

From 16 December 2013 to 1 August 2014, the Department of Communications received reports of approximately 6,000 locations with poor or no mobile coverage. These locations have been included in a database that will be shared with mobile network operators and infrastructure providers to assist them in preparing funding proposals for the Mobile Black Spot Programme. See table below for locations nominated in our area.

The Government intends to commence a competitive selection process in the second half of 2014 once the design of the programme is finalised and programme Guidelines are released.

## Notes:

Location name	Identifier	Road Section	Post code	Electorate	LGA	RDA	Remoteness
Baradine	NSW-0068	N/A	2396	Parkes	Warrumbungle Shire	Orana	Remote Australia
Billeroy	NSW-0135	N/A	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Black Hollow	NSW-0150	N/A	2828	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Castlereagh Highway	NSW-0351	Between Walgett and Coonamble	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Come By Chance	NSW-0411	N/A	2832	Parkes	Walgett	Orana	Remote Australia
Coonabarabran	NSW-0433	N/A	2357	Parkes	Warrumbungle Shire	Orana	Outer Regional Australia
Coonamble	NSW-0435	N/A	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
East Hollywood	NSW-0527	N/A	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Gulargambone	NSW-0702	N/A	2828	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Outer Regional Australia
Hollywood	NSW-0757	N/A	2832	Parkes	Walgett	Orana	Remote Australia
Kialgara	NSW-0818	N/A	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Newell Highway	NSW-1153	Between Narrabri & Coonabarabran	2388	Parkes	Narrabri	Northern Inland	Outer Regional Australia
Newell Highway	NSW-1149	Between Coonabarabran & Gilgandra	2357	Parkes	Warrumbungle Shire	Orana	Outer Regional Australia
Oxley Highway	NSW-1234	Between Rocky Glen & Coonabarabran	2379	Parkes	Warrumbungle Shire	Orana	Outer Regional Australia
Pilliga	NSW-1281	N/A	2388	Parkes	Narrabri	Northern Inland	Remote Australia
Pilliga-Coonamble Road	NSW-1282	Between Coonamble-Pilliga	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Quambone	NSW-1304	N/A	2831	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Talegar	NSW-1458	N/A	2829	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia
Warrington	NSW-1637	N/A	2832	Parkes	Walgett	Orana	Remote Australia
Warrumbungle	NSW-1639	N/A	2828	Parkes	Coonamble	Orana	Remote Australia

The database reflects the locations that have been reported to the Department of Communications by a state, local council, community representative or individual as having no mobile coverage.

These locations have not been independently tested to verify that there is no mobile coverage.

Areas located within the Urban Centres and Localities geographical units classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as 'Major Urban' (i.e. with a population of 100,000 or more) are ineligible for funding under the Mobile Black Spot Programme.

Council nominated locations (27 February 2014) and responded (26 June 2014) to a subsequent request regarding co-contribution. This information will be provided to potential applicants for the program. This includes Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, plus numerous mobile network infrastructure providers who will be eligible to apply to the program for funds.

More information will be available within the next few weeks when Funding Guidelines and tender documentation is released. Applications will then be open for a few months, with funding announcements expected to be made in mid 2015.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no financial considerations at this stage.

It is up to the applicants (carriers) to identify which locations they are interested in pursuing funding for. The carriers will contact those Shires where their preferred sites are located to discuss what assistance Council or other sectors can provide. The nature and level of support would need to be assessed on a site-by-site basis once specific locations are identified to improve coverage across the nominated 'blackspot' areas. It is anticipated that the requirements, and Council's capacity to assist, will vary from site to site.

It is initially considered that assistance from Coonamble Shire Council may include:

- leasehold tenure of specific sites at zero or concessional cost;
- provision of civil works at concessional cost;
- provision of materials (eg. quarry product, sand) at concessional cost;
- and/or to facilitate access to existing towers, power sources, or land within the Shire by liaison and negotiation with other stakeholders such as Local Land Services (eg. travelling stock routes), Emergency Services (eg. Rural Fire Service communication towers) or private landholders.

Information sourced from the program website and hotline 1800 113 486 [www.communications.gov.au/mobile\\_services/mobile\\_black\\_spot\\_program](http://www.communications.gov.au/mobile_services/mobile_black_spot_program).

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

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
October 2014

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 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 October 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.**

In partnership with Gulargambone Central School and Coonamble High School a Youth Forum is confirmed to take place on 20 November 2014 at Gulargambone Central School. The forum will involve most of Gulargambone School and will include workshops and self-development sessions.

##### **1.2 Youth Council**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - L1.1.1. Continue to support Coonamble Shire Youth Council as a link between young people and their Council.**

Youth Council meeting scheduled for 23 October 2014 did not proceed due to other school commitments.

##### **1.3 White Ribbon Event**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P2.2.1. Work with partners to develop programs that assist women and children to escape from family violence and men to address family violence**

Council is again participating in the White Ribbon Variety Night Event scheduled for 22 November. This event aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

**1.4 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.**

Council is a member of the Community Well-being working group and will contribute funding and assist with facilitating a mental health event on the 29 November 2014. The event will provide education and information about depression and anxiety with local and professional speakers.

**1.5 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 continues to meet fortnightly. A newly formed group aiming to connect and support isolated women, it is in its formative group development stage. The group has commenced an eight week Skircle, facilitated by Uniting Care Burnside and Council staff.

**1.6 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 95 children attending during the reporting period.

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

**1.7 NSW Sport & Recreation Forum**

**Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council Delivery Program - P3.4.1. Support appropriate community development activities undertaken by a range of organisations and provide assistance with project development, governance, grant writing, community building and group facilitation.**

Council staff was invited to present a session at the Western Region 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sport and Recreation Forum in Lightning Ridge on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. The session "Results Based Accountability in a regional community context" presented information on outcome based evaluation and the importance of distinguishing between population and program results, indicators and measurement.

## **2. 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.**

2.1 The Coonamble Drug & Alcohol Advisory Group (CDAAG) has been invited to apply for funding from the Australian Drug Foundation (under the Community Drug Action Teams initiative) to facilitate a small community drug action initiative. A baseline data project is being considered. This will provide local information that can be used for lobbying purposes initially and as benchmark data in the future.

2.2 An application for Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding was submitted to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Coonamble Together Project requested approximately \$645,000 over a four year period. The proposed projects goals include:

1. Establish the CDAAG under a Collective Impact Framework that includes government, non-government, business and community members focussed on addressing drug and alcohol issues in the Coonamble Shire.
2. Increase community safety through community members' reduced dependency on drugs & alcohol.
3. Increase the capacity of service providers, business and community members to respond to people affected by drugs and alcohol.

Proposed activities will include:

- Expand CDAAG to form a cross-sector group operating within a Collective Impact framework.
- Employ suitably qualified drug and alcohol workers. Provide individual, family or group counselling about the causes and effects of addictions. Provide support for families dealing with addictions and/or referrals to treatment.
- Deliver drug and alcohol education sessions to existing groups (eg: schools, community organisations).
- Facilitate a broader community awareness campaign, actively engage a cross section of the community to be involved with CDAAG initiatives.

### 3. PCYC

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

As a result of a conversation between Coonamble High School staff and Darren Black (CEO, NSW Police Citizens Youth Cubs) a working group has been formed to develop an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the establishment of a PCYC at Coonamble. The EOI will focus on demonstrating local need and community support for a PCYC. Council is assisting with gathering data and providing information on comparative and expressed needs.

### 4. Library

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- I2.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need. I2.2.3 Continue to develop the library as a multi-purpose community space. P4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age.**

- Promotion of “About Our Region” central pyramid display.
- Hosted North Western Library AGM and celebrated 30 years of the service.
- External groups utilising Library –Writers’ Group, Interact Employment Service, Family History Society.
- Increased security with the installation of a bench running and permanent attachment of tablets.
- New computer installation in the meeting room for use by students or patrons requiring privacy.
- Attended community NAIDOC celebrations on October 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of the celebrations the library facilitated activities for children and adults. A wall hanging was created on the day for display in the library.
- Big Screen movie nights continue Friday fortnightly.
- Visits to local preschools continue.

#### **Library statistics**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Total Issues</b>	<b>New Memberships</b>	<b>WiFi</b>	<b>Internet</b>
Coonamble	992 ↑	9 ↑	49 ↑	197 ↓
Gulargambone	95 ↓	0 ↓		

<b>Patron assistance</b>	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local Enquiries	History
Coonamble	15 ↓	31 ↓	15 ↓	

## 5. 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**

- 3000 copies of the new Coonamble Shire Visitor Guide printed and distributed to local businesses and regional visitor centres.
- Subsidised advertisement package secured with 'What's Up Down Under' (though Inland NSW membership) including website, TV and social media coverage.
- Event posters, tickets and programs designed for Coonamble Chamber of Commerce (Coonamble District Business Awards) and Streets Ahead (Coonamble Bush Poets Breakfast).
- New Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft website developed, with accommodation listings, visitor information, entertainment guide, extensive mapping, social media links, galleries, sponsorship package information and news updates.

### Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (October 2014)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
120	Retiree 110 Worker 3 Family 5 Backpacker 2	NSW 100 QLD 5 TAS 2 VIC 5 SA 4 WA 4	Local 90 Regional 30	Directions 70 Attractions 50 Eateries 5 Toilets 40 Souvenirs 10 Accommodation 30 <i>*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry</i>

## 6. Events

**Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.1.2. Continue to facilitate Australia Day activities.**

- Australia Day organisation continuing. Nominations for local citizen awards open on October 1 and close on December 12.

## **7. Museum & Heritage Committee**

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

- Streets Ahead Bush Poets Breakfast, October 4 was hosted in the museum grounds.
- Heritage Committee meeting held October 22 – minutes will be provided to the December Council meeting.
- Museum visitation during the reporting period - 30.
- Museum Facebook friends - 1350.

## **8. Grants**

- Successful grant announcement from National Library of Australia for archival quality storage for Neville Owen collection negatives (\$3,964).
- Assistance with grant information to community groups.

### **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 ANNUAL REPORT – 2013/2014</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent***

**Background:**

Under section 428(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council must, within five months after the end of each year, prepare a report as to its achievements with respect to the objectives and performance targets set out in its Delivery Program.

**Issues:**

Under the new Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, a number of changes have been made to annual reporting requirements. The new Annual Report focuses mainly on Council's implementation of its Delivery Program and Operational Plan, as these are the plans that are wholly the Council's responsibility.

In summary, the Delivery Program identifies 188 actions across the five themes; Our People, Our Infrastructure, Our Environment, Our Economy and Our Leadership. At the end of the 2013/14 year 149 of the 184 actions due for completion were achieved. The following table provides a status breakdown.

	<i>Our People</i>	<i>Our Infrastructure</i>	<i>Our Economy</i>	<i>Our Environment</i>	<i>Our Leadership</i>	<i>Total</i>
Completed to target	37	42	38	9	23	149
Continuing to progress	3	13	5	1	4	26
Not progressing	0	7	1	1	0	9
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>184</b>
Not due to commence	2	1	1	0	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>188</b>

26 actions are continuing to progress. Reasons for not meeting original timeframes include weather delays, staff being diverted to other priority projects, extended review processes or unsuccessful grant applications.

4 actions were not due to progress as they are contained in the Delivery Program but were not scheduled for the 2013/14 year.

The report also includes audited financial reports, together with the required various statutory disclosures.

A copy of the report was sent to the Department of Local Government on 7 November, 2014.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Various legislation requires information be provided within Council's Annual report:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Companion Animals Act 1998.

**Financial Considerations:**

The Annual Report takes considerable time and staff resources to produce. Council is required to provide a State of the Environment Report to be included in the Annual report. Reference is made to the Supplementary State of the Environment Report which is available on Council's website.

**Options:**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the tabling of the 2013/2014 Annual Report and that a copy of the report was furnished to the Division of Local Government on 7 November 2014.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

4 November 2014

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN  
SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/10/2014 compared to 31/10/2013:

	<b>31/10/2014</b>	<b>31/10/2013</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	777,517.47	791,468.50
Plus 2013/2014 Combined Levy	5,706,439.50	5,684,934.62
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,483,956.97</b>	<b>6,476,403.12</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(61,392.97)	(62,458.84)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(50,230.62)	(51,012.68)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,372,333.38</b>	<b>6,362,841.60</b>
Less Collections	(2,136,045.96)	(1,905,517.71)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,236,287.42</b>	<b>4,457,323.89</b>
Plus Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>4,236,287.42</b>	<b>4,457,323.89</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	34.67%	29.95%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	65.33%	70.05%

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

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS – OCTOBER 2014**

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 12/01/2015	3.45%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 30/12/2014	3.41%	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 - 17/01/2015	3.30%	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>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,376,283</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>3,768,610</b>
			<b>\$ 16,500,000</b>

**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 31 October 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 2014/2015 SWIMMING SEASON – ALTERATIONS TO ADMISSION FEE STRUCTURE</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
12.2 Ensure Pools are well maintained***

**Background:**

At the October meeting, Councillors requested information outlining Council's options to again waive / subsidize the admission price for school aged during the school holiday periods.

During the 2013/14 swimming season Council resolved to allow school children under 18 years of age free admission to the pools during the school holidays for that season. As Council had already adopted the 2013/14 fees and charges, it funded this expenditure which amounted to \$4,527 from its Community Development Reserve.

**Issues:**

As the 2014/2015 Fees and Charges have already been adopted, should Council wish to allow free admission for school children under the age of 18 during the school holidays, it will need to take one of the two following courses of action to be undertaken to comply with legislative requirements:

- First option – Council fund the free admission of eligible patrons from its own sources – as per the previous season.
- Second option – Advertise the proposed changes to its adopted Fees & Charges for 28 days, as per Section 610F of the 1993 Local Government Act.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993 – section 610F

**Financial Considerations:**

During the 2013/14 financial year the cost to Council to fund the free admission for school aged children during the January School holidays was \$4,527.28. It should be noted however that the Council Pools were not operational during the 2013 September school holidays.

Should Council continue this practise it is estimated that expenditure will be slightly higher than the previous year, as the Pools were operational in the September school holidays.

Council would be forced to incur this additional cost on an annual basis in either the form of lost/foregone revenue or the allocation of funding from Council reserves to cover the admission fees. Also it should also be noted

that Council may experience a further down turn in revenue from its pools as a result of decreased season ticket sales.

**Options:**

1. Council resolve to amend and place on display its adopted Fees and Charges to allow school children under the age of 18 free entry to the pool during School Holidays.
2. Council fund the admission cost of school children under the age of 18 free entry to the pools during School Holidays from Councils reserves.
3. Status quo remain with school aged children paying for entry during school holidays.

**Recommendation:  
For Council's consideration**

<b>13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS &amp; AUDITOR'S REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:***

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

**Background:**

Hill Rogers Spencer Steer, Council's Auditors, have completed their audit of Council records for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and provided a report to Council.

Council's Financial Reports and Auditor's Report are required to be presented at a public meeting within five (5) weeks of Council receiving the audit report. These reports are tabled at this meeting and a copy was emailed to each Councillor with the Business Paper.

**Issues:**

In the opinion of the Auditors Council's overall financial position is sound. Council's auditors also expressed the opinion that:

- a) The Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13 part 3 Division 2;
- b) The financial statements:
  - (i) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
  - (ii) are consistent with Council's accounting records;
  - (iii) presents the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and cash flows; and
  - (iv) are in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.
- c) All information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
- d) there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial reports.

Council received an unqualified audit opinion relating to its financial statements that we have become aware of during the course of the audit.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to present its Financial Reports and Auditors Report at a Public Meeting

**Financial Considerations:** Nil

**Options:** Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the presentation and tabling of its Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

<b>13.5 INVESTMENT POLICY – ANNUAL REVIEW</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.06 Review Council Policies***

**Background:**

At the October 2014 Council meeting a question was raised regarding review of Council's investment policy. For Council's information this policy is reviewed on an annual basis, in accordance with the Investment Policy Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (Circular 10-11).

Following the review, if any changes are implemented, they are reported to Council within 21 days as per the policy guidelines. This policy has recently been reviewed and is currently compliant with legislation and regulatory requirements governing this function and, as such, required no changes.

A copy of the Council's investment policy is included for Councils information.

**APPENDIX D****Issues:**

Nil

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Ministerial Investment Order
- Office of Local Government Circulars
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Local Government Amendment Code of Accounting Practice and Finance Reporting
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Options:** N/A

<b>Recommendation: For Council's information</b>
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**13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS****Parks & Gardens:**

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces. During the last month particular focus has been on main street garden beds and the Showground.
- Council replaced the two smaller John Deere ride-on mowers utilised in the Cemetery and parks and gardens with a 52" cut Ferris which is expected to improve efficiency. Council also took delivery of its new wide area mower which restores the plant capacity to operational levels.

**Vandalism Update:**

- Gulargambone Memorial hall was broken into and minor damage was caused to toilets in the building.
- Four Trees planted recently by volunteers & staff in the traffic island along Railway Street were uprooted by vandals. These trees were successfully replanted.
- The main circuit board at the Coonamble sportsground was damaged by vandals.
- Macdonald Park has had its toilets vandalised by graffiti, requiring repainting.

**Pools:**

- Coonamble facility was closed temporarily on the afternoon of 16/10/2014 for repair of a broken return pipe. The facility was reopened the following day.
- Following the subsequent re-advertising, an expression of interest to operate the Kiosk at the Coonamble Pool was received and an operator appointed.
- Automatic chlorine dosing system has been installed at the Gulargambone pool and it is now compliant with relevant health legislation.

**Buildings:**

- Updated costing for refurbishment of toilet facilities at both Gulargambone Memorial and Quambone Hall is currently being obtained with works to be carried out as soon as resources become available

**Recommendation:**

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

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Services

October 2014

**14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**14.1 ROADS TO RECOVERY ALLOCATION**

*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:**

Council has received confirmation of our Roads to recovery funding for 2014-19. Note that the 2015/16 year is a one off higher allocation.

The allocation is as follows:

2014/15	\$ 652,639
2015/16	\$1,305,277
2016/17	\$ 652,639
2017/18	\$ 652,639
2018/19	\$ 652,639

Staff have recently inspected and updated a list of preferred works required for local sealed roads.

• Heavy Patches	\$ 260,000	
• Reconstruction	\$1,091,000	
• Reseals	\$ 269,000	
• Shoulder Widening	\$ 585,000	<b>TOTAL \$2,205,000</b>

Staff have also recently inspected and updated a list of preferred works required for regional sealed roads.

• Heavy Patches	\$ 755,000	
• Reconstruction	\$1,708,000	
• Reseals	\$ 492,000	
• Shoulder Widening	\$1,966,000	
• Culverts/causeways	\$ 100,000	<b>TOTAL \$5,021,000</b>

Attention needs to be drawn to the fact that these are conservative estimates of the current state of the roads.

**Issues:**

It is evident that the works program on both local and regional roads far exceed available funding.

Traditionally Council has only spent R2R monies on local roads, however there is an increasing need for additional expenditure on regional roads. Council can decide to allocate a portion of R2R to works on regional roads.

Due to the increased heavy vehicle movements on the Warren and Pilliga roads due to grain being transported now by road through to Queensland, these two roads have deteriorated at a greater rate and are also recording constantly higher numbers of heavy vehicles.

Council could decide to use the additional funds regional roads without reducing the normal allocation to local roads for the period 2014/16. Allocation of funds for the remaining 3 years eg. 2016/19 can be determined at a later date.

Furthermore in preparation for the 2015/16 year and the additional funding, the works program will need to be adjusted and refined to ensure council is able to undertake the additional work load within current resources.

*Proposed allocation of R2R funds:*

	<i>Local Roads</i>	<i>Regional Roads</i>
2014/15	\$327,639	\$325,000
2015/16	\$980,277	\$325,000
2016/17	\$652,639	
2017/18	\$652,639	
2018/19	\$652,639	

*Proposed R2R works for 2014/16 (two years)*

MR129B	Baradine Road	Reconstruction	\$96,000
MR383	Pilliga Road	Reconstruction	\$496,000
MR7515	Warren Road	Shoulder Widening	<u>\$282,000</u>
			<b>\$874,000</b>

**Note:** the balance of the works to be funded from block grant

SR2	Tooraweenah Road	Reconstruction	\$201,300
SR86	Carinda Road	Shoulder Widening	\$216,916
SR86	Carinda Road	Reconstruction	\$189,800
SR87	Box Ridge Road	Reconstruction	<u>\$699,900</u>
			<b>\$1,307,916</b>

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Council is the roads authority as defined in the Roads Act 1993 and has an obligation to maintain the roadway in a safe condition for both local and visiting users.

**Financial Considerations:**

Nil

**Options:**

1. Allocation all R2R money on local roads only and continue to let Warren and Pilliga Roads deteriorate.
2. Allocate \$325,000 from the 2014/15 R2R and also \$325,000 from 2015/16 R2R to regional roads

**Recommendation:**

**That Council allocate \$325,000 from the 2014/15 R2R and also \$325,000 from 2015/16 R2R to regional roads for the following works program.**

<b>MR129B</b>	<b>Baradine Road Reconstruction</b>	<b>\$ 96,000</b>
<b>MR383</b>	<b>Pilliga Road Reconstruction</b>	<b>\$496,000</b>
<b>MR7515</b>	<b>Warren Road Shoulder Widening</b>	<b><u>\$282,000</u></b>
		<b>\$874,000</b>

**Note: the balance of the works to be funded from block grant**

<b>SR2</b>	<b>Tooraweenah Road Reconstruction</b>	<b>\$201,300</b>
<b>SR86</b>	<b>Carinda Road Shoulder Widening</b>	<b>\$216,916</b>
<b>SR86</b>	<b>Carinda Road Reconstruction</b>	<b>\$189,800</b>
<b>SR87</b>	<b>Box Ridge Road Reconstruction</b>	<b><u>\$699,900</u></b>
		<b>\$1,307,916</b>

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- (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 underway.
- (c) **Airport:**
- Routine maintenance completed as required.
  - Management plan still under review
  - CASA audit scheduled for December
- (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 is conducting preliminary investigations towards rehabilitating 5kms of highway immediately north of Coonamble.
  - Wingadee (stage 3) reconstruction of 2.1km due to commenced.
  - Heavy patching work between Coonamble and Gulargambone complete.
- (h) **Regional Roads:**
- Heavy patching on MR383 completed.
  - Heavy patching on MR7515 commenced.
  - Work on box culverts on MR129Q 2kms from Quambone about to commence
  - Repairs to Lucy Morrison bridge will be carried out in November
  - Road Survey underway
  - Shoulder works on MR7515 and MR383 commenced

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

**Recommendation:**  
**That the information be noted**

**KOOKIE ATKINS**  
A/Director of Engineering Services  
4 November 2014

<b>15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014</b>
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<b>15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2014</b>
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*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b><u>October 2014</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date 2013/2014 Total</u></b>
Official Correspondence	15	62
Infringements (Animals)	12	49
Infringements (Other)	0	0
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Microchipped dogs	18	44
Registrations	12	34
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Nuisance dog declaration	0	1
Dangerous dog declaration	2	3
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
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<b>Impoundments</b>		
Dogs	28	78
Cats	15	51
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>133</b>
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Motor vehicle	0	0
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<b>Breakdown of impoundments</b>		
Dogs destroyed	11	46
Dogs surrendered by owner	13	28
Dogs re-housed	11	18
Dogs released	10	14
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Cats destroyed	20	40
Cats re-housed	2	2
Cats released	0	0
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Gulargambone dogs impounded	4	10
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

## **DOG ATTACKS – COONAMBLE**

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The first attack was on another animal – offending dog surrendered and destroyed.

The second attack was dog rushed at children – dangerous dog order issued, along with penalty notice.

**Recommendation:  
That Council note the information**

**MATTHEW COCK**

Manager – Environmental Services  
30 October 2014

**16. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW PERIOD ENDING**  
**30/09/2014**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**Background:**

In accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter.

**Issues:***(i) BUDGET REVIEW:*

Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which has been presented in the new format in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- (i) Quarterly Review of Budget*  
Local Government (General) Regulation                      Section 203

**Financial Considerations:**

Consideration of the Budget Review and list of budget variations.

**Options:**

N/A

**Recommendation:****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 September 2014**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Responsible Accounting Officer.  
November 2014

**17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014**

**17.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT  
CIRCLE HELD IN THE CSC COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING 11.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Deon Allen (NCAP), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Trish Butler (Joblink), David Floyd (Breakthru), Ruth Cardier (MA), Heather Bowdren (Breakthru), Michael Cooper (STS), Kate Keizer (CNC), Priscilla Harvey (CHS), John 'Bunda' Walker (CSC).

**Apologies:** Wayne Cole (Centrelink), Leah Burnheim (TAFE), Howard Aldis, Chris Scales (), Donna Maree O'Neill, Kristi Logan, Cherie Forgione, felicity Taylor-Edwrds, Erifili Davis, Janelle Whitehead, Mark Noonan, Matt White, Grant Fish (DET), Sue Miles (AGT), Duncan Lovelock (CHS), Colin Shuttleworth (APM),

**Chair:** Shane Kilby

**Notes:** Lee O'Connor

**1. Agency / Staff Changes**

**1.1 Dept of Aboriginal Affairs** – many changes in our region. Will be further positions advertised/filled.

**1.2 Mission Australia/MPREC** – John Lewis and Natalie Clark have left MA. Now working for MPREC's Youth Justice Program based at CAHS. Program is for Indigenous youth in/or at risk of entering the justice system. Ages 10-20yrs.

- Bianca B is on maternity leave from MA.
- MA's Homelessness positions will need to be filled. Kate Allport will be making a presentation on the Homelessness Program at the next Interagency Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Ruth C works in MA's Castlereagh Family Support Program as a caseworker.

**2. Community Working Party**

**ACTION:** Lee to follow up re who distributes CWP minutes.

**3. Driver Licensing**

Birrang were not able to reduce their price or 2014 start time. They are ok if Employment Circle can implement the program with someone else or postpone start date to 2015. Discussions were held to see if funds could be

combined with RTC grant. RTC Committee preferred to proceed separately. Agreed to follow with Drive Your Life program co-ordinated through CNC.

- 3.1 In Gear** – RTC will be proceeding with their program using funds from NRMA. To commence in next 2 weeks. Expect to be finished by Christmas. Will assist disadvantaged people of any age (concession card holders) to get their P Plates. Will offer 50% of hourly cost and use the newly-established local KMC Driver Training. (see contact details below.)
- 3.2 Drive Your Life** – agreed to use KMC where possible. Agreed to continue to seek EOIs from motivated learner drivers and potential mentors. Stick with sponsorship idea. Level of sponsorship will depend on information provided by EOI and funding available. Both Kate and Sandra have asked RMS contacts re possibility of the RMS training mentors. Awaiting final responses. Deon asked whether jobseekers could be trained as Mentors to offer supervised logbook sessions as Voluntary Work Experience. Agreed that this is possible. Trish B informed the meeting that some of her clients don't like to fill out the EOI form just to get a licence. Agreed that EOI is a way to determine motivation to complete a licence and is needed to work out who really needs financial assistance to do logbook hours.
- 3.3 KMC Driver Training** –Karen Churchill has commenced operating as a qualified driving instructor in Coonamble at affordable rates. [ Licence No 013180] Mob: 0428 221 248 Email: [karen.churchill@bigpond.com](mailto:karen.churchill@bigpond.com).
- 3.4 Getting L Plates** – Kate K can assist individuals to do practice tests. Trish B will accompany clients to tests and help with practice tests. Joblink can pay for licence test but only once. They require proof their clients have successfully completed 8 practice tests before paying for licence test. Shane K advised that people can attend the literacy/numeracy class at TAFE 2 days/week (Wed & Thurs 9-2.30) to practice with assistance from TAFE teacher to get their L's. Can enrol as SEE or community student.

<p><b>ACTION:</b></p>	<p>Trish B to contact Joblink Driver Training school (Mark Burns) re possibility of training mentors and/or lending/leasing dual control vehicle.</p> <p>Kate K to check KMC availability for Drive Your Life.</p> <p>Priscilla H to follow up EOIs/referrals of High School Students to both In Gear (RTC) and Drive Your Life (CNC).</p> <p>Kate K to give flyers to Deb at MPREC Centrelink agency, Lisa Kenny at RMS, and distribute widely.</p> <p>Parents requiring financial assistance to gain licenses can be referred to Castlereagh Family Support Program via Ruth Cardier. 68222322. Email: <a href="mailto:caardierr@missionaustralia.com.au">caardierr@missionaustralia.com.au</a>.</p> <p>Lee to follow up with Lyndy Regan the status of TAFE Get Licensed Get Legal program in Coonamble.</p>
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#### **4. Centrelink Issues**

- Wayne Cole, Manager, Centrelink Dubbo, unable to attend this meeting.
- Changes where non-attendance at appointments with JSAs now result in automatic suspension of Centrelink payments is making a difference.
- Non-attendance at training and other activities is still causing issues. Eg. SEE Program.
- Chris Suey, new Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for Centrelink, attended Coonamble Interagency meeting. He is concerned that another impact of non-attendance at training is that people will get bills down the track. Proposed to hold information sessions for clients and at CHS on the implications of not attending and debt prevention.

*ACTION: Discuss Centrelink contact and compliance issues and processes with Wayne Cole at next CEC meeting.  
Lee to put Chris Suey on CEC mailing list. Tel: 68269053. 0414831035. Chris.suey@humanservices.gov.au.*

#### **5. Orana Workforce Planning & Development**

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**17.2 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT  
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OCTOBER 2014 COMMENCING 11.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Deon Allen (NCAP), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Trish Butler (Joblink), David Floyd (Breakthru), Ruth Cardier (MA), Heather Bowdren (Breakthru), Michael Cooper (STS), Kate Keizer (CNC), Priscilla Harvey (CHS), John 'Bunda' Walker (CSC).

**Apologies:** Wayne Cole (Centrelink), Leah Burnheim (TAFE), Howard Aldis, Chris Scales (), Donna Maree O'Neill, Kristi Logan, Cherie Forgione, felicity Taylor-Edwrds, Erifili Davis, Janelle Whitehead, Mark Noonan, Matt White, Grant Fish (DET), Sue Miles (AGT), Duncan Lovelock (CHS), Colin Shuttleworth (APM),

**Chair:** Shane Kilby

**Notes:** Lee O'Connor

**1. Agency / Staff Changes**

1.1 **Dept of Aboriginal Affairs** – many changes in our region. Will be further positions advertised/filled.

1.2 **Mission Australia/MPREC** – John Lewis and Natalie Clark have left MA. Now working for MPREC's Youth Justice Program based at CAHS. Program is for Indigenous youth in/or at risk of entering the justice system. Ages 10-20yrs.

- Bianca B is on maternity leave from MA.
- MA's Homelessness positions will need to be filled. Kate Allport will be making a presentation on the Homelessness Program at the next Interagency Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Ruth C works in MA's Castlereagh Family Support Program as a caseworker.

**2. Community Working Party**

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**3. Driver Licensing**

Birrang were not able to reduce their price or 2014 start time. They are ok if Employment Circle can implement the program with someone else or postpone start date to 2015. Discussions were held to see if funds could be combined with RTC grant. RTC Committee preferred to proceed separately. Agreed to follow with Drive Your Life program co-ordinated through CNC.

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the newly-established local KMC Driver Training. (see contact details below.)

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<b>TOTALS:</b>	Scale	2394	head	\$3,364.56	
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	NLIS Tag Income			\$ 121.37	<b>\$3,537.05</b>

**18.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES**

N/A

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	Expenditure	\$55,123.77
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$23,667.79</b>

**Truckwash :**

Income	\$ 7,124.52
Expenditure	\$ 4,186.98
Surplus	\$ 2,937.54

**Summary:**

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Balance 01/07/13	\$ 59,884.26
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**Recommendation:**

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

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

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