

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

**1.0 OPENING PRAYER**

**2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

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

**3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was no member of the public present during public question time.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**1168 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Bill Burnheim.

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No formal deputations were booked, however arrangements have been made for Ms Isabel McDermott to be present at 10.00 a.m. to receive her Certificate of Australian Citizenship from the Mayor. Family and friends will be accompanying Ms McDermott.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**(i) Ordinary Meeting – 8 October 2014**

**1169 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 October 2014 be confirmed, subject to deletion of the following:

*Page 2 "Cr Keady suggested that the Eco Spa be 'put aside' and the caravan park be upgraded – Cr Cullen was also of that opinion".*

**Business Arising from Ordinary Minutes:**

**a) Item 10.19 – Castlereagh LAC – MR7515**

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager said that no further correspondence has been received from the Command, except that the matter has been referred to the Duty Officer, Inspector Ralph.

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**b) Minutes on Council's Website**

Cr Keady thanked the General Manager for sending the business paper electronically to each Councillor prior to the hard copy being available. He requested that the Minutes and the Business Papers be available on the website from 4.00 p.m. on the Friday following the meeting and 4.00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting respectively. Cr Keady also requested that the date of the next Council meeting be available on the home page and be updated monthly at the same time the minutes are uploaded.

**c) Eco Spa Committee Meeting**

Cr Keady referred to his request that a meeting of this Committee be convened and wondered whether a date has been set. The General Manager referred to advice received from Crown Lands regarding acquisition of Smith Park and said a report would be tabled later in the meeting.

**d) Black Spot Areas**

Cr Schieb asked whether there has been any further information forthcoming regarding 'black spot' areas. The General Manager said there is a report on the matter later in the day, however Council has received no advice, except that the Government is looking at where funding will be spent.

**e) CCTV Cameras**

In response to a question from Cr Walker, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said an order has been placed for the upgrading of Council's CCTV camera system and Council is waiting on the contractor.

**f) Sprinkler System – Sportsground & Smith Park**

Councillors noted that the installation contractor was recently in Coonamble to remedy issues with the sprinkler system. The Director said this now finalises the work carried out with grant funds.

**1170 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the above matters be noted.

**(ii) Extraordinary Meeting – 14 October 2014**

**1171 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 October 2014 be confirmed.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**a) Joint Organisation –** Cr Cullen referred to Fit for the Future requirements and Council's decision to participate in the joint organisation proposal with OROC. The Mayor said that eight councils are involved – others

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that were in OROC will be part of a Western Regional Council. The Mayor informed the meeting that at a meeting in Dubbo last Wednesday, Council asked specific questions, however it is still not known what "rural councils" will be – the model hopefully will be available from the Office of Local Government in December.

Cr Cullen referred to money being offered by the Government for mergers and wondered whether councils would be able to use those funds at their discretion. The General Manager said he understands there will be some direct money from Treasury, however other offers will be in the form of low interest loans. If any council chooses to 'stand alone' it may not get the opportunity to avail itself of this type of funding, so it may not necessarily be a prudent move.

Mr Warren referred to a recent report by Mr Brian Dollery from the University of New England, who used to work closely with the government, but has now done considerable research post-amalgamations, which provides evidence that bigger councils are costing more.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**1172 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

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

**a) Code of Conduct – Policy / Training**

The General Manager referred to the Training Policy which has been produced and is presented to this meeting. He said a short training session has been scheduled prior to the December meeting and this will complete this particular requirement following the Code of Conduct investigation.

**b) Code of Conduct – Mediation**

The General Manager said that he would not be participating in formal mediation as he could see no need for Council to have to meet this expense as the role of a councillor and that of a general manager are clearly laid out in the Local Government Act and in Council's adopted Code of Conduct. Ms Tasker also said she has no problem with Cr Burnheim, however should he wish to participate in mediation, she would be prepared to do so.

**1173 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that this item be removed from the Resolution Book.

**c) Traffic Signage**

The A/Director of Engineering Services informed Council that she has informed Roads & Maritime Services of Council's concerns about traffic signage and the matter will be on the agenda for a Traffic Committee meeting in December.

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Cr Cullen and Cr Keady referred to various other areas where, in their opinions, the speed limit should be increased from 50kph to 60kph and they requested that these areas also be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic Committee.

**1174 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that the following areas be listed for consideration and determination at the next meeting of the Traffic Committee:

- From the 50kph zone on the Walgett Road past the Golf Club to Quambone Road turnoff be increased to 60kph..
- From 50kph zone on Baradine Road including the full length of Dubbo Street be 60kph (should this not be acceptable in total, then from 50kph zone on Baradine Road to the intersection of Aberford Street be 60kph).
- Back Combara Road 50kph sign be moved to Searle Avenue (if not practical, then to Effie Durham Drive).

**9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

**1175 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that his report be received and dealt with.

**9.1 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Mayor reported to Council the outcomes from the 2014 Local Government NSW Conference which was held in Coffs Harbour in October. Councillors noted that its motion: *“That the LGNSW lobby 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 it was covered by existing provisions.

The report highlighted topics by each of the speakers and referred to a panel session which was facilitated by Ellen Fanning, relating to the “Revitalising Local Government” report, which quickly focused on the “fit for the future” program.

**9.2 FUNCTIONS ATTENDED SINCE LAST MEETING**

Councillors noted that the Mayor attended three functions since last meeting, being the CWA Annual Conference, the Book Launch at Gulargambone and the Coonamble Shire Business Awards. The Mayor informed Council that he purchased a book *Gulargambone – “As It Was ...” – The History of the Village 1866 – 2013*, which was tabled at the meeting. Cr Karanouh invited Councillors to take the book and read it – he intended to then donate it to the Coonamble Library. The Mayor said the overall winner of the Business Awards – Gulargambone Caravan Park proprietors – were deserving recipients and should be congratulated on the standard of amenities and service they provide.

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**1176 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the Mayor's Report be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – MAYOR'S REPORT**

**1177 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Karanouh that the following matter be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

**9.3 Office of Local Government Workshop**

The Mayor reported that this workshop in Dubbo was convened by the Office of Local Government to design a 'rural council' model that will enable small rural councils to become 'fit for the future'.

**1178 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that his report on the Workshop held in Dubbo be noted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1179 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 ROLEY GREEN T6(44330)**

**1180 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council agree to purchase an additional 12 trees to be planted in Railway Street and advise Mr Green it will pay the cost of \$535.00 for the trees, plus labour and plant hire to plant them, noting this cost will be sourced from the Tree Maintenance vote **AND FURTHER** that planting not take place until Autumn when weather conditions will be more favourable.

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

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

**1181 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five schools in the Shire towards prizes for their Presentation of Awards functions.

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

**1182 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council agree to close off Castlereagh Street as requested for the Christmas Party on 11 December 2014 from 5.30 pm until 9.30 pm and provide barricades as in previous years.

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

The A/Director of Engineering Services provided Councillors with a map of the area, clearly showing the Warren Road out of alignment with the road reserve.

**1183 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council proceed to have the area surveyed and legally transfer the sections of land to Mr Readford and Council, noting Council will meet the cost of the survey and the legal expenses to have the matter formalised.

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

**1184 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the Mayor be nominated as Council's representative to attend the Christmas Reception on Thursday 4 December 2014 in Sydney.

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

**10.7 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 and saying it was not successful.

**10.8 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.

**10.9 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. 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.

**10.10 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.

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**10.11 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.

Councillors noted the employees concerned are Kris Parsons, Fred Blattman, Neal Coombes and Michael Quilkey and the message has been conveyed to them.

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

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.

**10.13 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.

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

Forwarding copy of letter sent to NSW Aboriginal Land Council, Parramatta noting receipt of correspondence to amend ALC13115 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.

Councillors noted this is in connection with Council's application to acquire additional land to extend the Coonamble Waste Depot.

**1184 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information contained in Item Nos 10.7 to 10.14 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS - SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE**

**1185 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

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**10.15 CSC EMPLOYEES' OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE  
D7**

**1186 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council agree to grant its outdoor employees a half-day holiday, from 12 noon on Friday 19 December to hold their Christmas Party at the Coonamble RSL Club and make a contribution of \$500 towards the function.

**10.16 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY SHED INC PR2409-1(44462)**

**1187 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that Council agree to install a security alarm system at the Men's Shed on the condition that the Men's Shed Committee be responsible for meeting ongoing costs.

**10.17 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP I4(44448)**

Referring to the Mayor's letter concerning multi-peril insurance for primary producers. Advising that currently this insurance is only being offered to a select group and it needs to grow and it is not offered for stock. Saying he supports the direction of multi-peril insurance and it is a concept that is being investigated in detail at both Federal and State levels.

**10.18 THE HON KATRINA HODGKINSON MP D9(44444)**

Acknowledging the issues raised by the Mayor in his letter to the Premier, regarding conditions in the local area resulting from the ongoing drought and advising the Regional Assistance Advisory Committee (RAAC) continues to monitor seasonal conditions across the State and provide advice to the NSW. Saying she has requested Mr John Newcombe, Acting General Manager of the NSW Rural Assistance Authority to discuss this matter with Council.

**1188 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the information contained in the above two items be noted.

**10.19 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13**

Providing information on current zone resources, relative to the North West Zone and Bogan District, which was conveyed to the meeting.

**1189 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the information provided on current zone resources by the NSW Rural Fire Service be noted.

**10.20 GULARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL INC D7(44475)**

**1190 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that Council agree to contribute \$100 towards the Gulargambone Preschool fundraiser to be held on 12 December 2014.



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**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**1191 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Keady that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The General Manager informed the meeting that the information provided in the business paper is not correct and an updated report would be tabled later in the meeting. The matter was deferred until such time.

At this juncture 9.45 a.m., Cr Walker left the meeting to attend the Presentation of Awards function at the School.

**11.2 COUNCILLOR TRAINING POLICY**

**1191 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady 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**

**1192 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council agree to close the Office at c.o.b. Wednesday 24 December 2014 and re-open on Monday 5 January 2015 and staff use leave provisions for the four days not covered by public holidays.

**11.4 COONAMBLE SES BUILDING**

The General Manager explained that Council has an obligation to provide suitable training facilities, storage space and office accommodation to enable the local SES controller to exercise his/her functions. Council also noted that it is not in a financial position to construct a new facility, which is estimated to cost \$300,000. Cr Keady suggested that Council may be able to target grant funds to assist this project.

**1193 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady 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;

**11.5 FIT FOR THE FUTURE - FACILITATOR PANEL & TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL**

Discussion on this item touched on how a facilitator would assist Council in addressing the recommendations of the panel and the options Council has in preparing to be "fit for the future". The General Manager informed the meeting that the engagement of a facilitator would be funded but to what extent had not been determined at this stage.

**1194 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb 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**

**1195 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen 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.

**11.7 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – NEWSLETTER 3**

**1196 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that Council note the Office of Local Government (OLG) has provided templates for councils in regard to voluntary merges and for Council improvement proposals and that guidelines for rural councils are expected by December 2014

At this juncture, 10.15 a.m., the Mayor welcomed Ms Isabel McDermott, her family and friends, to the meeting.

**Naturalisation Ceremony – Ms Isabel McDermott**

The meeting was adjourned while the Mayor carried out the short ceremony to present Ms McDermott with her Certificate of Australian Citizenship, following which she was invited to join Council and senior staff at morning tea. The meeting resumed at 10.58 a.m.

**11.8 RESCISSION MOTION**

A Notice of Rescission, signed by Crs Webb, Burnheim and Walker, has been received to rescind the following motion – Minute No 1099 of 10 September 2014 :

***DISH DRAIN – DUBBO STREET***

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

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**1197 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Minute No 1099 of 10 September 2014, detailed above, be rescinded. *Lost, 4 votes against/1 vote in favour*

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Councillors now were provided with the correct information under this item of the General Manager's report, which was deferred earlier in the day.

**1198 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that Council note Development Application No 018/2014 (transportable dwelling – 26 Broad Street) and Complying Development Application No 019/2014 (storage/activity room – 28 Aberford Street) were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

This matter was deferred until the Economic Development Manager was in attendance.

**11.10 MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM – OCTOBER 2014**

A report was submitted to bring Council up to date on progress of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program which 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. Councillors noted that the Government has committed money, but no advice has been received concerning where those funds will be spent.

**1199 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Scheib that the information be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**1200 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the following items be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

**11.11 INTERNAL AUDIT**

**1201 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb:

- (1) that Council inform the Chairman of the ARMC that it acknowledges that the Charter states three meetings/year are to be held;
- (2) that Council does not propose to hold a third meeting of the ARMC this financial year;
- (3) that Council defer further meetings of the ARMC until arrangements are made for the employment of an internal auditor and the role of the proposed joint organisations are known.

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**11.12 SMITH PARK LAND ACQUISITION**

Council noted the latest developments in acquiring the Smith Park Reserve. The General Manager informed Councillors that the contract has been signed and the deposit paid. It appears there has been a change in policy by the Crown Lands and the land has been put out to tender. Councillors discussed other implications that may arise and will seek an explanation from the Minister.

**1202 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council submit an on-line tender for the land and that a letter be written to the Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, The Hon Kevin Humphries MP, requesting an urgent explanation of the Department's action.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1203 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS**

**1204 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the information contained in the community services progress report be noted.

**(i) Coonamble Drug & Alcohol Advisory Group (CDAAG)**

Cr Keady asked what has funding been applied for by the Group - the Director replied that the funding will be to employ extra drug and alcohol workers. She said the framework they will work under will have a different approach, coming from the CEO level.

**(ii) Coonamble Shire Visitor Guide**

Copies of the guide were available at the meeting – Councillors commented on the quality of the booklet which has proved very popular with the general public and visitors.

**12.2 ANNUAL REPORT – 2013/2014**

**1205 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Director's report summarising the annual report for 2013/2014, a copy of which was forwarded to the Office of Local Government on 7 November 2014, be noted.

The Director of Community Services drew Council's attention a copy of the Annual Report which was available at the meeting.

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

**1206 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**1207 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 October 2014 be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**1208 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 31 October 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.

At this juncture, 11.20 a.m., Councillor Walker returned to the meeting.

**13.3 2014/2015 SWIMMING SEASON – ALTERATIONS TO ADMISSION FEE STRUCTURE**

The Director submitted this report in response to a request at the October meeting to outline options to again waive/subsidise the admission fee for school aged children during school holiday periods.

**1209 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to provide free admission to its pools for school children under the age of 18 years during school holidays and funding be provided from the Development fund **AND FURTHER** that there be no refund on season tickets purchased.

**13.4 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDITOR'S REPORT – YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**1210 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council note the presentation and tabling of its Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2014.

**13.5 INVESTMENT POLICY – ANNUAL REVIEW**

At the last meeting a question was raised regarding Council's Investment Policy and whether it was, from time to time, reviewed. The Director has addressed this in his report and a copy of the Policy was included with each Councillor's business paper

**1211 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note Council's Investment Policy which was tabled at the meeting.

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**13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1212 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the update of works in progress be noted.

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

**1213 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 ROADS TO RECOVERY ALLOCATION**

**1214 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that Council allocate \$325,000 from the 2014/2015 R2R and also \$325,000 from the 2015/2016 R2R to regional roads for the following works program:

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

Note: the balance of the works to be funded from Block Grant:

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

**14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1215 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Walker that the works in progress report supplied by the A/Director of Engineering Services be noted.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1216 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2014**

**1217 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report provided by the Ranger for the month of October 2014 be noted.

**16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**1218 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady 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.

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At this juncture, 11.45 a.m., the Economic Development Manager arrived at the meeting.

**17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**1219 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the following minutes be received:

*17.1 Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting - minutes of meeting held on 14 October 2014.*

**1220 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Cullen that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle meeting be noted.

Council noted the error in the business paper, where the above minutes were duplicated. The correct minutes were available at the meeting for Council to peruse.

*17.2 Coonamble Employment Circle Meeting – minutes of meeting held on 9 September 2014.*

**1221 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the minutes of the Coonamble Employment Circle meeting be noted.

**11.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Council now dealt with the Economic Development report which was referred earlier in the day.

**1222 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information contained in the Economic Development report (Item 11.9 of the General Manager's report) be noted.

a) Economic Development Committee meeting – The EDM advised that a meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Tuesday evening, 18 November.

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**1223 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that the Saleyards report be received and noted.

**(i) Ramp at Saleyards**

Cr Keady asked whether the ramp at the Saleyards was in place – the A/Director advised there are still ancillary works outstanding to complete the installation, but the ramp itself is in place.

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**(ii) Meeting of Saleyards Committee**

Councillors agreed that a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee be convened early in 2015. Cr Cullen said Council should promote the yards with growers in an endeavour to increase patronage.

**20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Schieb:**

- Suggested that “Drop Dust” signage be considered to remind drivers to drop dust before entering the residential area. The A/Director of Engineering Services said that GrainCorp and the contractors working on the levee upgrade have been requested to keep dust to a minimum.
- Caravan Parking – again referred to premises in Tooloon Street, behind Sommo’s shop, which could be purchased by Council to increase the access to the parking area for caravans. Saying additional “advance warning” signs should be installed to give travellers/tourists guidance for parking of vans.

**Cr Keady:**

- Septic systems in Nebea Street failing – enquired whether Council intends to extend the sewer to that area. The A/Director of Engineering Services said sewer would not be extended due to issues with gravity – she said that septic systems are the responsibility of the householders. It was suggested that residents in the area write to Council and it will investigate their concerns and, if possible, do something to alleviate problems.

**Cr Walker:**

- Requested that Council lobby for a Mental Health Counsellor – said that the Health Council wants to bring suicide awareness to the public. It was suggested that Cr Walker request the Health Council to liaise with Council’s Director of Community Services.

**General Manager:**

- Thanked Kookie Atkins for her magnificent effort in the role of A/Director of Engineering Services, saying he hoped she would support Mr Chudek, our new Director, in the same manner.
- Referred to his recent visit to Campbelltown for the annual Fisher’s Ghost Festival and Art Exhibition. Informed the meeting that the pictures donated by Mr Neville Owen were presented to the Mayor of Campbelltown and the reciprocal gift was the didgeridoo which was on display at the meeting.



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**Mayor:**

- Reported that water pressure in King Street is very low. The A/Director of Engineering Services said she would investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

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**MAYOR**