

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH
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PRESENT: Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, 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 Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek, Project Engineer 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

It was noted that Mr Len Scott, President of Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft, has requested to address the meeting at 2.00 p.m.

a) Ceramics Group – Mrs Atkins

At this juncture, the Mayor invited Mrs Atkins to speak to the letter from the Ceramics Group (Item 10.11), the contents of which will be considered later in the day.

Mrs Atkins said there are currently 40 active members in the Group, aged from 13 years to 60 years, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal. She said the Group participates in exhibitions and community functions and next year the Coonamble High School will include ceramics as a subject and a member of the local Group will teach students. Mrs Atkins also said currently there are three sessions/week, however it is looking at adding another session next year. She said that the second hand kiln has served the Group well over the 2½ years, but it is now costing money, thus the reason of the letter is to ask Council to consider some financial support towards the purchase and installation of a new kiln (estimated cost \$16,000).

The Mayor thanked Mrs Atkins and said the matter would be dealt with later in the day.

4.0 APOLOGIES

1224 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that an apology for non-attendance be received from Cr John Walker.

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b) Coonamble Show Society Inc – Mr Andrew Shearer

The Mayor welcomed Mr Shearer to the meeting to speak on behalf of a group associated with the Show Society, which intends to hold an inaugural Stockman's Challenge and Campdraft in March 2015. He referred to the letter on today's agenda (Item 10.9) and said the Group is seeking an amount of \$2,500 "seed funding" from Council, as well as requesting that the deposit for hire of the Showground be waived. Mr Shearer gave details of the event and Councillors asked whether or not it would infringe on the rodeo/campdraft in June. Cr Cullen enquired about insurance cover for the event – Mr Shearer said he would be happy to provide Council with copies of Certificates of Currency.

Mr Shearer thanked Council and left the meeting at 12.28 p.m.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2.30 p.m. Mr Len Scott, President of the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Inc

2.45 p.m. Mr Adam Macrae, Coonamble High School

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Keady declared an interest as a member of the Coonamble Show Society Inc. (Item 10.9 on the Precis of Correspondence) and left the room while the matter was being dealt with.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1225 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 November 2014 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Ordinary Minutes:

Business Paper/Minutes – Council's Website

Cr Keady thanked the Director of Corporate and Urban Services for arranging to have these documents displayed within the requested timeframe. He referred to having meeting dates displayed on the home page, however the Director advised that the website is going to be upgraded and provision will be made for these dates when the new website is developed.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1226 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

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Business Arising from the Resolution Book Update:

a) Minute No 1128 – Closing the end of Floyd Street

The General Manager reported that this matter remains as per the original resolution to close the end of the street. He referred to the meeting with parties involved, the outcome of which was inconclusive. It was noted that barricades have been placed in Eurimie Creek and the owner of a premises fronting Calga Street was going to close off the laneway running from Eurimie Creek to Limerick Street. It was agreed that this would stop bikes accessing the area.

1227 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council not close off the end of Floyd Street, noting that the initial problems associated with motorcycles accessing the Eurimie Creek and adjoining lane have been resolved.

b) Minute No 1172 – Code of Conduct

Cr Burnheim referred to this matter having been removed from the Resolution Book without being actioned and asked how this happened. The General Manager said it was in accordance with a decision of Council at the November meeting.

The General Manager said if Cr Burnheim wished to proceed with the mediation, he would arrange a mediator for those who wish to participate.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Mayor presented his report and referred Councillors to Item 19.3.

9.3 SELECTION OF AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS

The Mayor proposed that Council choose the winners of the Australia Day awards which is usually undertaken by a community committee – the Mayor believes Council is best placed to make assessments on various nominations. Cr Keady disagreed with this suggesting, saying that he thought having an independent person running the process was a much better option, for transparency especially. Cr Cullen also agreed with Cr Keady's opinion.

The Director of Community Services referred Council to an item in her report which outlines the process usually undertaken for the Australia Day selection of awards. Council agreed to bring this item forward and dealt with it at this time.

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12.3 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - 2015

Council noted that usually the selection panel comprises the previous year Citizen of the Year, a youth representative, a senior's representative, a representative of the Aboriginal community (nominated by the Coonamble Community Working Party), a Council staff member and a Councillor.

Ms Tasker said that nominations close on 19 December and it is planned to have a selection group meeting on 15 January to decide winners. She also requested that Council decide if it wishes to have a representative attend dinner with the Ambassador.

1229 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree that selection of the winners of the Australia Day awards be left to a selection panel comprising representatives as outlined above and that the Mayor be Council's representative – with the alternative being Cr Keady **AND FURTHER** that Councillors Karanouh, Cullen and Keady attend the dinner with the Ambassador.

9.1 COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW

The Mayor reported having attended the AGM and the November ordinary meeting of the Country Mayors' Association. He provided Council with a brief overview of topics discussed and advised he has written to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services requesting funding to update the CCTV camera network.

Councillors referred to the Safety Precinct Committee (police/community) meeting being held on Tuesday 16 December which has been organised by the Castlereagh Local Area Command, noting it will be held in the Council's meeting room at 10.30 a.m. The Mayor urged all Councillors to be present. In response to a question, the General Manager said the meeting will be attended by the Superintendent from Walgett and his Duty Officer.

It was agreed that Councillors inform the meeting of the extensive amount of vandalism that occurred recently, saying juveniles are responsible for this criminal activity. It was noted that camera equipment worth around \$40,000 was stolen from the Greyhound Club office premises, however it has been recovered. The Manager of Environmental Services estimates the cost to repair damage caused over the weekend of 5 & 6 December will be in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Cr Keady said Council needs to lobby for 'special remote' classification for Coonamble to attract more Officers to the area, or request a redistribution of resources throughout the Command. Councillors all agree that Coonamble should have a 24 Hour Station.

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1230 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that a letter be written to the Local Member requesting him to arrange a meeting with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for a delegation from Council to discuss law and order matters.

9.2 OROC & LOWER MACQUARIE WATER USERS' ALLIANCE MEETINGS

In reporting having attended these meetings, the Mayor advised that at the AGM of OROC he was elected deputy chairperson along with Cr Andrew Lewis of Bourke. He also listed in his report that Cr Bill McAnally (Narromine) was returned to the Chair.

1231 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the Mayor's Report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1232 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 CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(44492)

1233 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. that Council contribute \$100 from its donations vote to the Coonamble Clay Target Club's Open Shoot which will be held on 11 & 12 April 2015.

10.2 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT INC S5(44487)

1234 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council advise the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Committee that it will not reimburse the account and any requests for work at the Showground should be made through the appropriate channels **AND FURTHER** noting that Council provided \$15,879.37 support in cash and in kind for the 2014 event.

10.3 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT INC S5(44488)

Providing a list of "practical improvements" to the Showground, in accordance with Council's request and advising its members are not in favour of covering the existing arena.

It was noted that Mr Scott, President of the Committee, would be present to address Council at 2.30 p.m.

1235 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that this item be deferred until after Mr Scott's address.

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10.4 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE D7

1236 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council agree to sponsor the Best Business House Christmas Light display and that an amount of \$100 be provided to the Rotary Club of Coonamble as requested.

10.5 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT D7(44542)

Providing Council with information regarding the 2015 Dinner Under the Stars, which is the major fundraising event for two eight two eight. Pointing out that it has a new project for next year – it will be taking on another student trainee and will be focusing on fundraising to help with the training costs. Stating there are many ways in which Council can become involved and asking if it would consider supporting the Dinner Under the Stars and the trainee program.

1237 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Cullen that Council note the information supplied by Two Eight Two Eight, however not agree to a sponsorship as requested.

10.6 DAVID & BERNADETTE FRAZIER, GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK S13-2(44510)

The proprietors of the Gulargambone Caravan Park requested Council to consider a cheaper entrance fee for admission to the Gulargambone pool, noting that residents of the park are finding the normal charge of \$4/person/session too expensive.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Burnheim **SECONDED** by Cr Keady that free access be available to all Council's swimming pools for all people holding a Pensioner Concession Card, commencing immediately until the pools close at the end of the current swimming season and that the Development Fund cover the cost **WAS LOST**.

1238 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that all people holding a Pensioner Concession Card be entitled to half price admission to all pools within the Shire beginning immediately until the end of this swimming season.

The Motion was carried on the Mayor's casting vote – 4 votes/3 votes.

Cr Cullen asked that his name be recorded as voting against this motion.

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10.7 COONAMBLE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE T6

1239 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that Council inform the writer that it agrees to plant suitable trees in the car park at the rear of the Rural Transaction Centre at the appropriate climatic time, i.e. Autumn or Spring, when conditions are more suitable.

10.8 GAB COONAMBLE ACTION GROUP

1240 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council agree to the placement of 11 signs at various locations, i.e. Shire boundaries and main road approaches to Coonamble and to assist with erection of the signs, following development application approval.

Having declared an interest in the following matter, Cr Keady left the room.

10.9 COONAMBLE SHOW SOCIETY INC D7

1241 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that Council provide \$2,500 "seed funding" for the inaugural Coonamble Stockman's Challenge and Campdraft event in March 2015 and waive the deposit payable on hire of Coonamble Showground.

Cr Keady returned to the meeting.

10.10 COONAMBLE HIGH SCHOOL D7(44563)

1242 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council defer consideration of this matter until after the address by Mr Adam Macrae later in the day.

10.11 COONAMBLE ARTS ALIVE D7

1243 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that Council contribute \$4,000 to the Coonamble Ceramics Group towards purchase and installation of a new kiln and that funds be sourced from the Development Fund.

At this juncture, 1.20 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.30 p.m.

Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Inc – (Item 10.3)

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed Mr Len Scott and Mr Tim Kennedy to discuss improvements to the Showground suggested by members of the Committee. Mr Scott informed the meeting that following a recent meeting he has been re-elected to the position of President, Ms Joanne Day is the new Secretary and a Treasurer is still to be appointed.

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Mr Scott said that some of the improvements suggested are to comply with safety provisions, as well as making available additional water and power outlets. Cr Cullen questioned whether these items are a priority, citing seating as being of a higher priority. He said he had spoken to participants at the event this year and the responses from them were positive.

On another matter, Mr. Scott requested Council to consider allowing the Committee to name the two announcers' boxes at the ground – saying the one at the campdraft area would be the Sam Johnston Memorial and the one at the rodeo arena would be the Pat Pearce Memorial. Cr Webb asked whether the community would need to be consulted prior to the Committee taking this action, however it was felt this would not be necessary.

A map of the rodeo arena area was available for Councillors' perusal. Mr Kennedy said turning the arena around would be a sensible move and would provide an area for spectators which would be completely free of horse movements. He said this has always been a safety issue, with spectators and competitors mingling in the same area. Mr Kennedy also said that currently the rodeo has to be stopped when moving cattle through from the other end of the ground and this would then not be necessary.

Mr Kennedy said that it was hoped all the fittings in the current arena could be uplifted and used in the new configuration. Cr Burnheim asked whether the proposed resiting of the arena has been costed and said, in his opinion, it is a reasonable proposal. It was agreed that when costings are available, Messrs Scott and Kennedy advise and present them to Council for consideration.

The representatives left the meeting at 2.45 p.m. and Mr Adam Macrae was present to address Council on behalf of the Coonamble High School.

Coonamble High School – Item 10.10

He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to the letter from the High School on Council's agenda for consideration at the meeting. Mr Macrae said that the school was successful in securing a grant for construction of a shed on the School Farm block in King Street. He said students would be involved in its construction as part of their studies and he was asking for Council to provide materials and a gravel pad as a foundation for the shed.

Mr Macrae pointed out that it was intended to commence building in February and the pad would have to be ready in January to allow for this. He said this would be an opportunity for Council to get behind the program and support local students. Cr Cullen enquired whether the agriculture section receives any funding from Clontarff or Connected Communities – Mr Macrae said it does not – his funding is separate and his budget is approximately \$3,000/year.

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At this juncture, 2.40 p.m, Mr Macrae left the meeting.

10.3 Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Inc

1244 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft Inc be requested to bring costings of the re-siting of the rodeo arena back to Council so the matter can be further considered.

1245 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council agree to the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft Inc naming announcers' boxes at the Showground the Sam Johnston Memorial (campdraft arena) and the Pat Pearce Memorial (rodeo arena).

10.10 Coonamble High School

1246 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council provide gravel, deliver to site and construct the foundation pad for the shed at the School Farm in King Street, at a cost of \$2,500.

The motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor – 4 votes/3 votes.

Crs Cullen & Schieb asked that their names be recorded as voting against this motion.

Section B – Matters for Information Only:

10.12 MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PAUL TOOLE MP

In a media release, advising the five successful Joint Organisation pilots to be rolled out across the State, as part of the NSW Liberal & nationals Government's Fit for the Future reforms.

10.13 PRESIDENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(44497)

Saying LGNSW does a lot of work behind the scenes on behalf of local government and their communities and providing an update on current issues, bills, regulations and reforms facing the NSW local government sector in which it has been working.

10.14 THE HON PETER DUTTON MP –MINISTER FOR HEALTH L3-1(44481)

Thanking Council for its correspondence supporting the establishment of the Murray Darling Medical School. Pointing out that the decision to allocate Commonwealth-supported medical places to a new medical school is ultimately one for the Minister for Education, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP.

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10.15 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13(44415)

Advising that the Minister for Police & Emergency Services has recently approved allocations for the 2014/2015 Rural Fire Fighting Fund. Advising Council of its commitment for this financial year. A copy of this information was provided with the business paper.

The General Manager informed the meeting that Council's contribution for the 2014/2015 financial year is \$84,515.

10.16 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10-1

Saying the Minister for Local Government has announced the regional groupings of councils that will assist the NSW Government to pilot Joint Organisations. Stating that 11 applications, covering 14 regions, were received and, given the strong interest in participating in a pilot expressed by councils, the Government will consider the possibility of initiating further pilots prior to the proposed State-wide roll out in 2016.

10.17 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – OFFICE OF WATER W1-5(44504)

Referring to the letter from the Mayor regarding shortage of water in the Castlereagh River and advising NSW Office of Water has a key role in the sustainable management of water resources in NSW and in regulating access to water. Pointing out that ensuring compliance with water legislation is an essential component in the sustainable management of water resources and the Office values any information that may help stop illegal water related activities.

10.18 PRESIDENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW D9(44517)

Advising that it has met with the NSW Premier to discuss a number of significant issues impacting local government, including:

- the Productivity Commission's recommendations to reduce Natural Disaster Funding by the Australian Government;
- Fit for the Future – rate pegging and rate exemptions.

10.19 COUNTRY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW M3

Forwarding, for information, copies of minutes of the Country Mayors' Association Meeting held in the Country Embassy, Sydney on 14 November 2014. Also forwarding copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held following the Ordinary Meeting on 14 November. These were included for Councillors' perusal.

10.20 GULARGAMBONE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC L3

Advising that it had a very successful carnival on Saturday 15 November, along with 42 deg heat and wind. Thanking Council for allowing it to retain the gate takings and conveying appreciation for the maintenance and presentation of the

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pool and grounds. Thanking Council for its support and wishing Council well for the festive season.

10.21 MR VICTOR WALMSLEY, CAMMERAY NSW S13

Asking whether Council has any clothing optional recreational areas in Gulargambone, saying from his observation of the website, it appears that Council does not even allow unclad use of the pool. Saying if it is the case that Council, at present, does not have any official or informal clothing optional recreational facilities, would it be prepared to introduce those areas.

10.22 THE HON BARNABY JOYCE MP D5(44540)

Referring to the letter from the Mayor concerning multi peril crop insurance for producers affected by drought and other natural disasters. Pointing out the Australian Government is strongly committed to a vibrant, innovative and competitive agriculture industry and that is why it is developing the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper. Saying it outlines fresh ideas on a range of vitally important issues for the future, including infrastructure, drought support, trade and finance.

10.23 THE HON KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP W1-17(443538)

Thanking the Mayor for his letter concerning the pumping of water from the Castlereagh River. Advising the Castlereagh River is an unregulated river system and the reach of the river between Gilgandra and Coonamble is subject to the water sharing rules of the Castlereagh (below Binnaway) Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources Water Sharing Plan (the WSP), which provides for the equitable sharing of the resource. Stating that the NSW Office of Water's hydrologist believes that the main reason for this is that the rainfall followed an extended dry period and a natural wetting of the system occurred resulting in reduced overland flow and reduced flow in the river systems overall.

10.24 AUSTRALIAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACELG) L10-2

Providing an interim report on *Legal and Governance Models for Shared Services in Local Government*, a copy of which was attached to the business paper to provide Councillors with some background into the thinking behind the concept of a Joint Organisation.

10.25 CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND G3-1(44555)

Advising that the next Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16 December in the Council Chamber commencing at 10.30 a.m.

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10.26 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS O5

Forwarding minutes of the Board Meeting held in the Central Conference Room, Dubbo City Council, on Friday 21 November 2014 – a copy of these minutes were also included with the business paper.

1247 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the information contain in Item Nos. 10.12 to 10.26 inclusive be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1248 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

1249 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council note Complying Development Certificate No 020/2014 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 NORTH WESTERN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1250 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady

- (1) That Council note the AGM of the North Western Library Co-operative was held on 30 October 2014.
- (2) That Council note the contribution for the 2015/2016 financial year will be increased in line with the rate pegging increase as determined by IPART.
- (3) That Council note a further report is to be provided to Council in regard to increased resources for the Technical Services Library Officer's position based at Warren Library.

11.3 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET REPORT

The General Manager reported that this Council has endeavoured to maintain its assets and has only a 1½% of infrastructure backlog.

1251 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council note the release of National State of the Assets Report 2014 in regard to the Local Roads Infrastructure Report 2014, including sealed and unsealed roads, timber and concrete bridges; a copy of which was provided with the business paper.

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11.4 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL GUIDE/MEMBERS

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Office of Local Government recently released details of the Technical Advisory Panel Members and a Technical Advisory Panel Guide. A copy of the documentation was attached to the business paper.

1252 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that Council note the information provided in both the Technical Advisory Panel Guide and the Technical Advisory Panel Member Details provided by the Office of Local Government.

11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1253 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that the information contained in this section of the report be noted.

i) **Regional Aviation Services** – the Mayor advised that a meeting will be held with the air taxi service proprietors next week to ascertain whether it would be feasible to establish such a facility in Coonamble.

11.6 BULLYING & HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE POLICY

1254 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Keady that Council adopt the Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace Policy, noting it has been approved by the Consultative Committee, the Health and Safety Committee and has been distributed to all staff for comment and input.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1255 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the following items be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

11.7 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – GENERAL MANAGER'S WORKSHOP – 3/11/2014

The General Manager reported that, as part of its latest support initiative from the Office of Local Government, a series of workshops for General Managers have been conducted. He attended a session in Dubbo on Wednesday 3 December 2014. Mr Warren said it appears that a template relative to what a rural council might be is not due until the end of January 2015 and the composition of the panel to assess the Fit for the Future proposals is not yet known according to the OLG.

The General Manager stated that a presentation was given by Mr Kevin Pugh from TCorp, which was factual and provided an insight into how TCorp viewed the results of various councils and their thoughts as to Council's response

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to the self assessment tool. He outlined the ratios adopted by the OLG and, in his report, provided Council's result on the assessment of each.

1255 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council note the information pertaining to the results of the self assessment tool provided by the OLG to assess Council's current *Fit for the Future* status.

11.8 PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

1256 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council note an Information Session will be held in McCullough Hall on Wednesday 17 December commencing at 7.00 p.m. to inform the community of the process to date with *Fit for the Future* reform.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1257 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

1258 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in the community services progress report be noted.

i) Wellbeing Day

Cr Keady asked the Director about the Wellbeing Day event on 29 November – Ms Tasker said it was a good collaborative effort to raise awareness to mental health. She said about 100 people were in attendance but due to the keynote speaker being delayed, only approximately 50 were there at the conclusion of the day.

12.2 ACCOMMODATION WHITE PAPER 2014

1259 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that this item providing information on the report commissioned by members of the Central Inland Tourism Cluster on market gaps and emerging opportunities for accommodation in the Great Western Plains region, be noted.

The Director informed the meeting that additional information would be available later.

12.3 AUSTRALIA DAY 2015 AWARDS

Council noted that this item was dealt with earlier in the day during the Mayor's report.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1260 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1261 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 November 2014 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1262 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the list of investments as 30 November 2014 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

13.3 FINANCIAL REVIEW – COONAMBLE SALEYARDS

The Director submitted and spoke to a comprehensive report he has prepared on the operation of the saleyards, which included:

- operational results from 2010 – 2014;
- income stream trends;
- expense stream trends;
- ensuring ongoing sustainability.

Cr Keady said he would like to know how much Council expends on maintenance of the main street and asked do property owners contribute to this expense. The General Manager informed the meeting that the report has been assessed on the sustainability of the saleyards and it is Council's decision as to how it intends to maintain the facility. Cr Cullen referred to other facilities provided by Council that are considerably expensive to maintain, such as the ovals and the pools. The General Manager reminded Councillors that our *fit for the Future* status will be assessed on the sustainability of services provided to the community.

Following considerable deliberation, the General Manager said there are options for Council to consider in regard to the future of the saleyards, being :

- a) agents take over the saleyards
- b) close the saleyards
- c) save wages by not providing a staff member on sale days.

The Manager of Environmental Services informed the meeting that he has been speaking to agent, Matt Prentice, regarding meeting with the agent representatives and advised a meeting could be scheduled following Council's meeting.

Cr Cullen referred to the charge for stock left in the yards following sales – he said Council should have consulted stakeholders before imposing the charge – the General Manager said it is not a new charge and has been in Council's adopted fees and charges for the last five years to his knowledge, however it has never been imposed by staff.

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The charge being referred to is \$54 for cattle (1 – 10 head) left in the saleyards following sale and not removed by midnight Saturday.

1263 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council:

- i) note the information provided in the Director's report;
- ii) convene a meeting of the Saleyards Management Committee as soon as possible;
- iii) agree that sale cattle can remain in the yards until the Monday morning following the sale before the 'holding fee' is imposed;
- iv) inform the buyers who were charged the 'holding fee' that the matter is being reviewed.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1264 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the update of works in progress be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1265 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 PUBLIC GATES AND CATTLE GRIDS ON PUBLIC ROADS

Cr Burnheim said he disagrees with one of the statements made regarding the draft policy – i.e. No broader economic implications – he believes there are broader economic implications affecting landowners who will be required to repair/replace grids. He also referred to the fact that if such a high percentage of the current structures are not up to standard, Council must have failed to monitor the situation in the past.

Cr Burnheim requested that before the process begins that an education process be undertaken and give landowners time to budget the huge expenses for which they will be responsible to repair/replace structures on their properties. The Director of Engineering Services informed the meeting that Council's previous policy was outdated and Council has to begin somewhere to address the current situation, pointing out that landowners are responsible for the structure, the sides, signage and maintenance of 20 metres of road either side of the ramp.

Council discussed whether the Engineering Services department could carry out the works on behalf of landowners at a reduced rate. It was also asked what happens if the landowner decides to remove the structure – who would be responsible for repairs to the road. The General Manager said that Council would carry out remedial works on a sundry debtor basis. Cr Schieb said it would be a cheaper option for landowners to 'fence out'.

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Cr Burnheim asked if there would be a fee for the permit – the Director said the fee charged would be sufficient to cover Council staff time. Cr Burnheim said he could not see the point in being issued a permit – this has not been done in the past – it was noted that when applications for a permit are made, the details of each ramp would be recorded in the Register of Grids covering the whole Shire area.

1266 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim:

- a) that Council endorse the draft policy with the amendment that permits be issued only for ramps to be located in new positions and there be no fee attached to the permit;
- b) that the amended draft policy – Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads be placed on public exhibition for the required 28 days;
- c) that Council promote the adoption of the draft policy – Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads, by inclusion on Council's website;
- d) that the draft policy, together with any submissions received, be reported back to Council for formal adoption following the exhibition period.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1267 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the works in progress report supplied by the Director of Engineering Services be noted.

i) **King Street – Low Water Pressure** – the Director referred to this matter which was mentioned at the November meeting and advised the reason for the low pressure at some times was due to the operation of the system – occurring when the supply comes directly from water tower. Mr Chudek said this matter would be further investigated in 2015.

ii) **Nebea Street Septic Tanks** – the Director said this was another matter raised at the November meeting – he has investigated the issue and found that connected properties in the vicinity are serviced by pump station No 4 and a rising main. He said the possibility of connecting additional properties is feasible, subject to the ability to create an easement and determination of the capacity of the existing system. Mr Chudek said this would be another issue further investigated in the new year to determine future extension of the system.

iii) **Signage** – the Director informed the meeting that signage requested at the November meeting is due for delivery by Friday and immediately upon receipt, the signs will be erected.

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iv) **New Works – Local Streets** – In response to a question from Cr Burnheim, the Project Engineer advised that no new work has been undertaken and early new year Council will be looking at works to be included for consideration in conjunction with next year's estimates. The General Manager said the workshop to discuss projects for inclusion in the budget will be held in March.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1267 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 TEMPORARY FOOD VENDORS

1268 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that Council note the provisions relevant to the operation of temporary food premises on private land, which were detailed in the Manager's report.

15.2 YATTON SUBDIVISION

1269 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Webb that the update on the proposal to subdivide the "Yatton" property be noted.

15.3 RANGER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2014

1270 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report provided by the Ranger for the month of November 2014 be noted.

Cr Schieb referred to complaints he has received regarding guard dogs barking during the night. The Manager advised that the Ranger has interviewed the complainant and requested a diary of the times the dogs cause nuisance, but that information has not been provided. The General Manager said that unless Council has factual information, there is nothing it can do.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEE

1271 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the following minutes be received and noted:

16.1 Local Emergency Management Committee - minutes of meeting held on 5 November 2014.

16.2 Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee Meeting – minutes of meeting held on 18 November 2014.

1272 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the above two Committees' minutes be noted.

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16.3 Heritage Advisor – Coonamble Shire Local Heritage Fund 2014/2015

1273 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council disperse \$5,357.36 from the Coonamble Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2014/2015, via the following grants:

- (a) \$1,700.00 – Gulargambone Pioneers' Memorial Church
- (b) \$3,657.36 – Sacred Heart Church, Mungie Street, Quambone.

16.4 Coonamble Employment Circle – meeting held on 18 November 2014.

16.5 Coonamble Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee – meeting held on 22 October 2014

1274 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the above two Committee's minutes be noted.

16.6 Coonamble Senior Citizens Association – meeting on 4 November 2014

1275 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Coonamble Senior Citizens Association meeting held on 4 November 2014 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

1276 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that this matter be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

The Project Manager informed the meeting that the RMS representative had carried out an informal assessment of the requested changes to various locations and advised that Dubbo Street, or any part of it, will not be changed. Regarding the Back Combara Road, the 50kph will not be moved – the Project Engineer understands the reasoning is that traffic has to negotiate the "S" bend and should do so at a reduced speed. She reported that changes may be agreed to signage on the Walgett Road, however if this is approved traffic would be required to reduce from 110kph to 60kph.

Council was advised that following formal assessment, which will take at least 12 months, if the signage is changed, RMS will not, in the future, consider any further requests for alteration of speed zones in that area.

1277 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that a letter be written to the Roads & Maritime Services asking for its logic in opposing changes to speed zones.

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17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

1278 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the Saleyards report be received and noted.

18.0/19.0 CLOSED SESSION – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES & DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1279 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 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”*

1280 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

1281 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1282 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that Council adopt the recommendations of Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1 and 19.1 and 19.2 as follows:

18.1 *Fit for the Future – Asset Management Improvement Program*

That Council, in seeking to further develop and strengthen its submission to the Office of Local Government, appoint Jeff Roorda & Associates to carry out the increased scope of works, noting the amount of \$44,000 is to be funded through savings in the Internal Audit function and other operational areas.

19.1 *Tender for Provision of Tyres*

That Council agrees:

- (1) that the best ‘fit for purpose’ suppliers be awarded this contract as the panel source panel of two or three suppliers in no order of preference to participating OROC member Councils for the period 1 January 2015 to 30 December 2016;
- (2) that a provision be allowed for a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 30 December 2017.

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19.2 Coonamble Landfill Site

That Council agree:

- (1) *to compensate the CLALC in the sum of \$20,250 to waive the Land Rights Claim for the acquisition of land to extend the landfill site;*
- (2) *to pay the CLAALC legal costs associated with waiving the Claim;*
- (3) *to proceed to purchase the subject land from Crown Lands.*

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb: Informed the meeting that there is interest in transferring the proposed Eco Spa and Caravan park project from Smith Park to the Racecourse – saying the Jockey Club is sinking a bore – noted that the racecourse is currently Crown Land, however it is understood that consideration is being given to transferring ownership to Racing NSW. The General Manager said that Council will have to wait on more concrete information and the outcome of the tender process for Smith Park. Mr. Warren said that should the location of this project change now, it would set it back 3 – 5 years. He said that Council should know about the tender for Smith Park in February.

Cr Burnheim: Informed Council of the various meetings attended and said that the Inland Rail project is being pushed and looks like it will come to fruition. He referred to the Orana Economic Profile which has Coonamble Shire's workforce capacity at 3% of the total output of the Orana Region – noting this is incorrect and does this area no favours in applying for grants. He said Council should urge for this to be changed – the General Manager said that every opportunity this is brought up with the relevant authority. He said he attended a workshop on multi peril insurance at which David Taylor presented and said it was very good. Pointed out that in the 1970s and 1980s the Government provided 'exceptional circumstances' support, however now it's providing only welfare payments. Finally, Cr Burnheim said he attended the meeting of Outback Arts and commented on the amount of cultural activity it brings to the area, saying Council's \$10,000 contribution is well spent and pointing out two people are employed full time in Coonamble.

Cr Keady: Advised he attended the launch of the Moorambilla documentary which was very good.

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Referred to Thara Road and said he has been contacted by Mr Burton regarding the latest information received by him from Council. The General Manager said he had written to all affected landholders, informing them that Lot 1 in DP1202196 and plan had been registered with the Registrar General and notification of status as a public road advertised in the NSW Government Gazette and, in accordance with Council's resolution of October 2014, requesting that all encroachments on the road be removed.

Cr Keady stated that Council has not resolved to dedicate the road. The General Manager replied that the last resolution of Council was to instruct the General Manager to take all steps necessary to register the survey plan with the Registrar General and open the road. By registering the plan under s9 of the Roads Act the land becomes dedicated as a public road. Cr Keady also asked why Mr Burton has to pay for any fencing or any ramp – the General Manager responded because he is the owner of the land through which the road passes.

Cr Keady further stated he did not believe Council resolved to dedicate the road – the General Manager stated he would provide Cr Keady and Councillors with a copy of the subject resolution.

At this juncture, 5.05 p.m. Crs Cullen and Schieb left the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

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MAYOR