

4 February 2015

The next meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held in the Shire Chamber, Coonamble on WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2015 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
 General Manager

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7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 12.12 P.M.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 endeavour 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.

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 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.

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.

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'.

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.

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.

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.

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.*

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 from 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.

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 when 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.

These Pages (1/5586 to 22/5607) were confirmed on the ELEVENTH day of FEBRUARY 2015 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 DECEMBER 2014.

MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015

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:

Crown Lands advised that contracts for the sale of Smith Park to Council took place on 7 January 2015 – settlement is expected within 42 days of exchange date. Refer item Precis of Correspondence.

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:

Council has advised the Aboriginal Land Council that it has agreed to compensate it for removal of the Aboriginal Land Claim and pay associated legal costs. Also reference is made to letter from Crown Lands in Precis of Correspondence.

8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED

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:

See letter on Precis of Correspondence from the RMS regarding the determination of speed zones	COMPLETED.
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**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:

Resolved December meeting not to close the northern end of Floyd Street.	COMPLETED
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14.1 PUBLIC GATES AND CATTLE GRIDS ON PUBLIC ROADS

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.

Status:

Amended policy presented to February 2015 meeting for adoption. Refer Director of Engineering Services' report.	COMPLETED.
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9. MAYORAL REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

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10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 MACKILLOP RURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES (IPS & FAMILY WORKER) A2-3+D7(44566)

Advising her role is Indigenous Parent Support & Family Worker in Gulargambone Monday to Thursday from 9.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. Pointing out her work relies heavily on funding and currently the office has basic needs for the community, but unfortunately it is not able to offer other opportunities to young families. Requesting Council to consider funding to support the Service in Gulargambone and listing the following items that it would like to purchase:

- A couple of cookers & equipment for cooking class
- Age appropriate toys
- Craft items and equipment
- Material and sewing machine
- Pergola for outside play.

Saying she understands it would be a stipulation that if Council agrees to fund the items, they will be kept at MacKillop for use only within the community to support the service.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Should service providers wish to initiate a program within Council's area, they should provide adequate resourcing.)

Recommendation:

That Council advise the applicant it is unable to provide resourcing for external service providers.

10.2 ROTARY CLUB OF COONAMBLE M3-1(44675)

Advising that the Welcome to Coonamble Dinner will be held on Saturday 28 February at the Coonamble Bowling Club from 6.30 p.m. Requesting the attendance of the Mayor and other Councillors and Staff. Saying the Club would like the Mayor to welcome the newcomers to the area and give a bit of a "run-down" on the Community. Advising an early indication of attendance would be appreciated.

Recommendation:

That Councillors who intend to be present at the Welcome to Coonamble Dinner on Saturday 28 February 2015 please indicate so that names can be provided to the Rotary Club for catering purposes.

10.3	NSW TRADE AND INVESTMENT – CROWN LANDS	P1-3
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Advising that exchange of contracts for the sale of Smith Park to Council took place on 7 January 2015.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This brings to a close the lengthy process of land acquisition. Settlement is expected within 42 days of exchange date.)

Recommendation:

That Council note the information and resolve to classify the land described as Lot 252 in DP820715 and Lot 7024 in DP1060499 as ‘operational land’.

10.4	KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL	K1(44713)
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Pointing out that over past years the Tidy Towns Awards program has diminished with entry numbers and event attendance falling steadily. Saying they are determined to continue to support local groups and individuals making NSW a better place to live and are being proactive in making changes to the awards program. Advising they are planning a new program and asking Council to consider working with KAB to encourage greater participation in the awards programs. Saying this year they will launch the Blue Star Awards (Regional) which will take over from the Tidy Towns Awards – they are simplifying the submission/application process by breaking it into two stages:

1. The initial application will be a short summary of the program – the “who, what, where and why” – which will be reviewed by Keep NSW Beautiful.
2. If the project is short-listed as a finalist, then a more detailed submission/ application will be required, which will give supporting evidence, facts and figures, results and partnerships to get a better idea of the scale, scope and success of the project. Short-listed projects will be reviewed by a panel of judges to select winners.

Stating that if your town is selected as an overall finalist, KAB will send an assessor to make recommendations to the judging panel. Saying that one of the changes is the introduction of a Members’ choice award – an award where Keep NSW Beautiful members can select their favourite project. Pointing out that winners of the first regional Blue Star awards will receive their awards in Gloucester – 2015 Tidy Town.

Recommendation:

That Council agree to work with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council in its new program to encourage greater participation in the Tidy Towns Awards.

10.5	PETER LITTLE – CROPJET AVIATION	A5-4(44727)
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Regarding the lease of pt Coonamble Aerodrome and advising that lack of work due to dry conditions over the last couple of years has made their plans of developing a base in Coonamble a long term project and it is not feasible at the moment. Saying they are finding any commitments that drain their cash flow an onerous obligation and, although the lease payments are not high, they are difficult to maintain. Asking for relief from the lease payments until more favourable conditions allow continuation of the project. Appreciating Council's support and hoping conditions will be more favourable shortly.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – In December 2012 Council resolved to lease the area for five years with two five year options for renewal and set a monthly rental of \$220 with annual increases to correspond with CPI (Weighted average of eight capital cities. Council expects that lessees will meet their obligations in regard to contracts into which they have entered. Council has already incurred considerable expense in providing road works and legal expenses in preparing the lease.)

Recommendation:

That Council advise Cropjet Aviation that it is not willing to waive the rental due under the lease agreement for part of the Coonamble Aerodrome.

10.6	A1 TREE SERVICE (NSW) PTY LTD	T6-2
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Advising that following the inspection of a Jacaranda tree located on the road shoulder in front of the doctors' surgery on the Castlereagh Highway, a large quantity of fungal infection was found at the centre of the trunk. Saying the tree has also suffered indiscriminate lopping repetitively which has accelerated rot and fungal infection. Pointing out that the tree should be removed eliminating the dangers of mechanical failure.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – An inspection of this tree was requested in respect to road works and associated water main replacement within the Castlereagh Highway. As the tree in question is quite substantial, a report was requested as to its structural integrity.)

Recommendation:

That Council note the Jacaranda tree on the shoulder of the roadway in front of the doctors' surgery be removed due to lack of structural integrity.

10.7	THE HON JOHN BARILARO MP	A5(44722)
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Advising he has announced that up to \$50 million will be made available from the NSW Government's \$110 million Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund for the new Regional Airports Program. Saying expressions of interest are currently open for local councils and owners of eligible regional airports to apply for up to \$50 million in NSW Government funding to support airport

infrastructure project to help boost local tourism. Pointing out that this Council has been identified as having a regional airport eligible for funding and inviting an expression of interest.

Stating that projects must demonstrate they will deliver a net economic benefit and that they meet the objectives of the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund Regional Airports Program – expressions of interest close 5 p.m. 31 March 2015.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER –Staff suggest that Council submit an expression of interest for a new terminal building.)

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

Section B – For Council’s Information:

10.8	NSW PREMIER & CABINET	S13-1(44621)
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Referring to Council’s application for “Shade for Coonamble Pool” under the 2014 Community Building Partnership program and advising it has not been successful. Advising a new round of the program will be conducted in 2015 should Council wish to apply.

10.9	ST BRIGID’S SCHOOL	L3(44620)
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Extending gratitude to Council for its kind donation towards the end of year Presentation of Awards event.

10.10	ANTI DISCRIMINATION BOARD OF NSW	S6-6(44647)
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Introducing Council to the Anti Discrimination Board’s Education Service which has been successfully working with local councils by:

- Training managers and staff in Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Prevention;
- Training councillors in their responsibilities under the Anti Discrimination Act;
- Delivering regular sessions as part of the induction program for new staff;
- Varying presentations to suit the diverse nature of the workforce;
- Training contact officers and grievance handlers;
- A regular program of refresher courses to ensure staff maintain current knowledge of the latest legislative requirements;
- Training EEO committee members and assisted with the development of EEO Management Plans under the Local Government Act;
- Conducting courses on specific topics such as social media, case law updates, disability discrimination and sexual harassment;
- Collaborating with the Local Government Division of Premier and Cabinet to produce the Local Council Guidelines and Fact Sheet for councillors.

Pointing out the in-house delivery enables flexibility intent elements according to current and perceived needs, including a program covering more than one topic. Advising that for a cost effective solution for smaller groups, representatives from more than one council can attend training sessions at a mutually convenient central location. Advising the Board’s current training information brochure can be found at http://www.antidiscrimination.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/adb/adb1_trainingservice.html

10.11 THE HON KATRINA HODGKINSON MP D5(44665)

Referring to the Mayor's letter regarding NSW Government's position on multi peril insurance and encouraging government investment in this form of risk management for primary producers. Acknowledging the issues raised and noting that multi peril crop insurance is commercially available in Australia, with some companies offering products in NSW. Saying she also understands that while this is a new product in Australia there has been some uptake of it in all Australian States – pointing out that as a commercial product, its uptake is very much dependent on a farmer's individual circumstances. Saying the Regional Assistance Advisory Committee (RAAC) is currently considering various possible tools and information that could assist farmers to mitigate risks associated with highly variable climatic conditions. Saying this will include advice to this government on potential options for encouraging their uptake.

Stating the NSW Government is acutely aware of the poor seasonal conditions across much of the northern parts of NSW with RAAC continuing to monitor the seasonal conditions across the State and providing advice to the NSW Government. Saying that producers in this area may wish to consider assistance available through other such mechanisms as the Farm Innovation Fund or such Commonwealth Government initiatives as the Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme or the Drought Concessional Loans Scheme. Further advising she has asked that Mr John Newcombe, Acting General Manager of the NSW Rural Assistance Authority be available to discuss this matter.

10.12 UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY L10(44661)

Extending an invitation to participate in the 2015 Future City Program – an exciting and successful program consisting of a three-day workshop and seven-day international exchange. Saying the program has proven to be an effective means of providing city and town leaders the skills to lead their communities in meeting the challenges of creating more liveable and sustainable communities as part of State goals to make all of NSW a preferred place to live and work. Saying the Mayors' Forum will be held in Sydney from 8 – 10 April 2015 and the US-Australian International City Exchange from 14 – 21 June 2015. Advising that an Expression of Interest in joining the Future Cities Program is required no later than 6 February 2015.

10.13 TRADE & INVESTMENT – CROWN LANDS G1-1(44659)

Referring to the compulsory acquisition of Crown land for Coonamble landfill and confirming as follows:

1. Both parcels of the Crown land being acquired by Coonamble Council are within Travelling Stock Reserve 24312.

2. The blue coloured lands are surveyed as Lots 1 & 2 DP1007782 – Council paid compensation amounting to \$4,360 on 3 April 2013 – sending copy of DP1007782 and letter acknowledging payment.
3. Crown Lands provides to Council an extension of time expiring 12 June 2015 to complete acquisition for the lands – saying the provisions and requirements of Crown Lands consent letter dated 12 June 2013 apply in respect of all lands being acquired by Council – sending copy of letter.

10.14	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	L10-2
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Advising that LGNSW engaged John Comrie of JAC Comrie & Associates to conduct an expert independent review of the methodology applied by TCorp in its financial sustainability assessment of NSW councils. Saying that Mr Comrie is a nationally respected LG finance expert with a strong local government background. Pointing out the review was instigated in response to widespread criticism of the TCorp methodology by councils and the final report :

- Identifies flaws in the methodology applied;
- Makes recommendations for improvements to the methodology; and
- Emphasises the importance of councils maintaining accurate financial and asset data.

Advising the complete report is available from the following link:
<http://www.lgnsw.org.au/files/imce-uploads/127/comrie-review-of-tcorp-report-3-oct.pdf>

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the report is attached **APPENDIX A** for Councillors' perusal)

10.15	COONAMBLE SPORTING CLUBS	P1-11(44691)
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Informing Council that two new Bromic Refrigerators totalling \$4,280.10 have been purchased for the canteen at Coonamble Sportsground. Wishing to donate the two new units to Council and requesting that they be added to Council's insurance cover. Pointing out the following Clubs were involved in the purchase of the new refrigerators:

- Coonamble Junior Cricket
- Coonamble Little Athletics
- Coonamble Soccer
- Coonamble Rugby Union
- Coonamble Senior League
- Coonamble Junior League

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – These two new Bromic Refrigerators have been added to Council's insurance.)

10.16	NSW VALUER GENERAL	R4-1
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Advising that the value of land in NSW has increased by more than 11 per cent, following assessment of almost 2.5 million residential, rural, business and industrial land values for properties. Pointing out a number of regional LGAs performed strongly – including Gilgandra (increase of 30%); Coonamble (20% increase); Oberon (20% increase); Dubbo (increase of 19.4%) – the largest decrease experienced was Cobar, with the median residential land value dropping by 10%.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – A copy of the complete information from the Valuer General is attached at **APPENDIX B**)

10.17	PRESIDENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW	L10-2
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Providing an update on various activities in which LGNSW has been active – saying that as the *Fit for the Future* reform process continues councils are either in talks about possible mergers, assessing whether they meet the NSW Government's criteria to 'stand alone' or are deliberating over various issues identified in the December workshop on the Rural Council Model. Advising that he understands the template for the Rural Council Model will be released this month. Stating that to help councils navigate their way through this period of change, the LGNSW Learning Solutions unit is running a series of bootcamp-style workshops in February & March. Pointing out the workshops are specifically designed to support councils prepare for their *Fit for the Future* proposals.

Referring to mention in the final message for 2014, saying LGNSW's State Election Priorities 2015 has been launched – saying all councils would have received a copy of the document which outlines the key policy priorities NSW councils want addressed by the incoming State Government, including a Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). Saying that given recent media reports, it would appear the current Government favours a CDS and encouraging them to stand firm in the face of a concerted anti-CDS campaign by the beverage and packing industries and establish the 'cash for containers' initiative. Pointing out there are so many benefits to a container deposit scheme, not only for local environment and wildlife, but for councils and communities.

Applauding the NSW Government for coming to the table with a good package for NSW home owners impacted by the Mr Fluffy loose-fill asbestos insulation issue. Referring to the announcement just prior to Christmas of the NSW Government's *Make Safe Assistance Package* which is modelled on the ACT's and provides support to affected property owners in NSW in the following ways:

- Short-term accommodation assistance up to \$10,000/family and \$2,000/dependent child where 'meaningful exposure pathways' are found in affected properties.
- The replacement of soft furnishings and clothing up to \$1,000.
- Free counselling sessions (maximum 5) for residents of affected properties.

- Free technical assessments.
- Environmental cleaning and sealing for the total cost of the works.

Pointing out that LGNSW has also been pushing for certain 'optional risk controls' to become mandatory requirements and the NSW Government has now made that commitment. Saying this includes providing clear direction and a mechanism for recording the presence of loose-fill asbestos in section 149 Certificates issued by councils, while vendors will be required to inform possible buyers of the carcinogenic substance as insulation and attach prescribed documents to the contract for sale.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Attached at **APPENDIX C** is copy of a document detailing fallacies in the NSW Government's Views on Local Government Financial Capacity, written by Peter Abelson and Roselyne Joyeux. I recommend Councillors read the information contained in this report – in my opinion it contains very accurate information).

**10.18 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT E5-2
(447453)**

Referring to the Gateway Determination dated 21 May 2014 regarding amendment to Coonamble Local Environmental Plan. Advising that, as the Minister's delegate, the Local Environmental Plan under Section 59(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* has been made. Saying that under Section 34(5) of the Act, it will take effect when published on the NSW Legislation website.

**10.19 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC
B13 (44742)**

Saying that in 2011 the RFSA produced a publication titled *Building a Rural Fire Service for 2030* which was distributed prior to the State Election that year. Advising the policies have been reviewed, updated and prioritised in the light of developments since that publication. Stating the document will form the basis of the Association's support for its members in protecting the community and should be read in conjunction with the Association's 2011 publication. Pointing out both documents are available from <http://www.rfsa.org.au/about-us-policies>

10.20 NSW FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES G5(44733)

Thanking Council for submitting an application for funding under the 2015 NSW Seniors Week grants program. Advising the application for the project titled *Seniors Bring Arts Alive* was not successful.

10.21	PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT & ROADS	MR7515+R8-3(44734)
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Responding to correspondence from the Mayor to the Minister for Roads & Freight concerning the Warren to Coonamble Road. Saying that concern for road safety and the safety of school children is appreciated and shared by the Minister. Advising the Government has allocated \$283.7 million for the *NSW Road Safety Strategy* which includes \$34.4 million in Federal funding and \$240 million from the State.

Pointing out that MR7515 is a regional road under the care and control of Council and in 2014/15 Council will receive a total of \$1.23 million from the NSW government under the Block Grant and REPAIR programs for use on its regional roads. Pointing out that, at this time, RMS does not have further funding for work on MR7515. Setting out Council's previous funding allocations under Block Grant and REPAIR programs as follows:

- 2013/2014 financial year \$1.28 million
- 2012/2013 financial year \$1.19 million
- 2011/2012 financial year \$1.36 million

Saying he understands that Council has submitted three projects to the 2015/2016 REPAIR program, including one on MR7515 which the NSW Government is considering. Saying also he has been advised that Coonamble and Warren Councils also submitted a joint Expression of Interest under the Fixing Country Roads program for the road. Stating that while the project was not short-listed, Councils are invited to resubmit the application for next round of funding which will be announced in due course.

Further pointing out that the NSW Liberals & Nationals are ensuring regional NSW gets its fair share of funding and has allocated \$3.7 billion for regional roads.

10.22	MOORAMBILLA VOICES LTD	D5-6-1
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On behalf of the Directors of the Board of Moorambilla Voices Ltd, thanking Council for its cultural investment in its regional program over the past nine years. Saying that Moorambilla Voices Ltd has grown enormously since its inception in the area in 2006 and local support has contributed significantly. Extending an invitation to join Moorambilla at its 10th Anniversary Gala Concert at Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre on Saturday 19 September 2015.

10.23 NSW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES C6-13(44760)

Referring to Council's correspondence relating to the determination of speed zones and saying the determination and process of 'speed zoning' is in accordance with the document *NSW speed zoning guidelines*. Saying the guidelines have been developed in conjunction with various NSW legislation, Roads & Maritime core documents, Australian Standards, Roads & Maritime supplements to the Standards, Austroads documents and Roads & Maritime supplements to the Austroads documents – all are supported by a significant body of research listed in the guidelines.

Pointing out RMS is not opposed to changing speed zones where justified, however justification is not based on unsupported or anecdotal issues which can be perceived so there is a need to have a standardised approach for the determination of speed zones throughout the State. Saying this is based on an objective assessment (review) of the road network, so a route based approach is adopted. Advising many factors are considered in a review and include the actual crash history/risk; road function; roadside development; geometry; traffic patterns/mix; traffic volumes; lane configuration; road user type and number of accesses along the review length.

Saying Council can be assured Roads & Maritime approach to speed zoning is consistent throughout the State and is not conducted in an ad-hoc manner.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
4 February 2015

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

**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
24/14	Mrs K Siafarikas	Ms Kylie Thornton	Operation of bakery/café	52 Aberford Street Coonamble	03/12/2014
25/14	Towri Retirement Village	Owner	Construction of awnings x 14	1-5 Castlereagh St. Coonamble	21/01/2015

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
22/14	Fluer Magick Dennis	Owner	Erection of garage & carport	2-4 Zoccoli Street Coonamble	21/01/2015
23/14	Towri Retirement Village	Alan Dodd	Erection of garage	1-5 Castlereagh St Coonamble	21/01/2015

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.024/2014 & 025/2014, together with Complying Development Certificate Nos 022/2014 & 023/2014, were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 COUNCILLOR TRAINING POLICY

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

Background:

At the November 2014 meeting Council resolved to place the draft *Councillor Training Policy* on public exhibition, inviting written submissions and/or comment.

Issues:

The draft document was placed on exhibition with the closing date for submissions being 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 31 December 2014. No written submission and/or comment was received.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Code of Conduct*

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the Councillor Training Policy, noting it has been on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and no submissions and/or comments have been received.

11.3 COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 2016

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L2 A community that supports active respected leaders.

Background:

Council has received advice from the Office of Local Government (Circular No. 15-01 / 6 January 2015) that the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Bill 2014* has now passed the NSW Parliament. The amendments give effect to recommendations made by the NSW Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in its inquiry into the 2012 Local Government Elections and will commence once the supporting regulations are made.

Council elections are held every four years – the next is due September 2016.

Issues:

Amendments have been made to the Local Government Act for elections to be conducted by the General Manager of a Council or the Electoral Commissioner.

Council must resolve, before 8 March 2015, whether to engage the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer their elections and to make arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections for Council until the conclusion of the following ordinary election of councillors.

For a General Manager to conduct the election, they must appoint a Returning Officer and a Substitute Returning Officer for the election. The Returning Officer will appoint all other staff required to conduct the election.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Section 296 Local Government Act 1993.

Elections carried out by the Electoral Commissioner are conducted to the required standard. Assistance to conduct elections by another person or body will not be provided by the Electoral Commissioner.

Financial Considerations:

The cost of the 2012 election was \$26,891.70 inclusive of GST. It is not anticipated any saving could be made by Council conducting its own election.

Options:

- (1) Appoint the Electoral Commission to administer Council elections, including the 2016 election.
- (2) The General Manager administer the Council elections for the future three years.

That the Coonamble Shire Council (“the Council”) resolves:

1. pursuant to s296AA (1) (a) of the Local Government Amendment (Elections) Bill 2014 (NSW) (“the Bill”) that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council;

2. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council;

3. pursuant to s296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, that a constitution referendum arrangement be entered into by the contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

11.4 POLICY REVIEW***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent*****Background:**

Council has an internal reporting policy that is dated and in need of review to include the reporting obligations under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Issues:

The Protected Disclosures Act was repealed in 2010 and replaced by the Public Interest Disclosures Act. Council policy needs to reflect the changes to this Act.

The attached policy addresses the requirements of the Public Interest Disclosures Act and provides guidance for staff members who make a disclosure within the guidelines of the Act. **APPENDIX D**

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Public Interest Disclosure Act 1994

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to place the Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period prior to formally adopting the policy.

11.5 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.1 Lobby against forced Local Government amalgamations***

Background:

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has released the final template and guidelines for councils wishing to adopt the rural council model. This is the final template produced by the OLG under the Fit for the Future Program.

(Refer **APPENDIX E**)

Issues:

OLG has now made available its three templates:

1. Council Merger Proposal template
2. Council Improvement Proposed template
3. Rural Council Proposal template.

Council needs to consider its position in regard to the submission due with the OLG by 30 June 2015. To date, Council has no formal resolution as to the path it wishes to follow although, at an informal meeting held on 23 September 2014, each councillor indicated they believed Coonamble should seek to remain a stand alone council. Council now needs to consider its position in regard to a merger with Gilgandra Shire, as this was one of the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel. The other recommendation also needs to be considered – that of becoming a Rural Council.

The council improvement template for councils wishing to stay the same and reject any amalgamation or become a rural council is quite similar to the template for becoming a rural council. In both proposals, Council is required to report on water and sewer operations through to 2020.

Rural Council Proposal – Template 3:**Steps**

- (1) Review the Panel's recommendation for Coonamble – the recommendation was a *“rural council in the Orana Joint Organisation or merge with Gilgandra”*
- (2) If a merger proposal was identified as an option and you cannot progress a merger, demonstrate how your council meets the Rural Council Characteristics.

The Rural Council Characteristics identified by OLG are:

- (1) Small and static or declining population spread over a large area.
- (2) Local economies are based on agriculture/resource industries.
- (3) High operating costs associated with a dispersed population and limited opportunities for return on investment.

- (4) High importance of retaining local identity, social capital and capacity for service delivery.
- (5) Low rate base and high grant reliance.
- (6) Difficulty in attracting and retaining skilled and experienced staff.
- (7) Challenges in financial sustainability and provision of adequate services and infrastructure.
- (8) Long distances to a major (or sub) regional centre.
- (9) Limited options for mergers.

Is this the right template for Council, as this template is designed for:

- Councils in Group C of the Panel's final report where the option of a rural council was presented with no preferred alternative (Coonamble was given the alternate of a merge with Gilgandra)
- Other small councils that want to adopt the options and can demonstrate they meet the Rural Council Characteristics described in the guidelines.
- Those that do not meet the Characteristics should complete Templates 1 or 2.
- Those who meet the Characteristics may choose any of the three templates, depending on their council's preference for how to best become Fit for the Future.

Structure and Operation of a Rural Council:

Taken from the Independent Panel's final report, the following is provided as a guide to the features of a Rural Council, as no other useful information has followed the recent workshops.

- A strong focus on maintaining local service delivery and quality of life, enabling and supporting community efforts.
- A maximum of five councillors, including the mayor.
- A reduced number of full council meetings, no more than six each year – and a very limited committee structure, if any.
- Either a fully shared administration with an adjoining council or extensive resource sharing as part of a Joint Organisation, in order to minimise requirements for senior staff and greatly reduce administrative overheads.
- Simplified regulatory compliance and reporting requirements under both the Local Government Act and other relevant legislation (e.g. planning acts).
- Regulatory responsibility handled largely by arrangement with a regional centre or other partner council having the necessary expertise.
- Modified Integrated and Reporting and Internal Audit requirements consistent with a small population and budget.

The guidelines for completing the Rural Council template acknowledge that ...

“It is recognised that implementation of some of the rural council options will not be possible until the Local Government Act amendments are formalised and the final joint organisation model/s are

established in each region, so some modelling will be based on assumptions”.

Council Improvement Proposal – Template 2:

To become fit for the future Council needs to demonstrate it has thoroughly explored all the options available and has a robust plan to improve its position against the benchmarks over time. The same benchmarks were used for all councils preparing a Fit for the Future proposal regardless of whether they complete Templates 1, 2 or 3.

The benchmarks fall into three broad categories:

(1) Sustainability:

- (a) Operating Performance Ratio – greater than or equal to break-even average over three years. Council results are (0.055) below benchmark.
- (b) Own Source Revenue Ratio – greater than 60% average over three years. Council results are 62.31% - above benchmark.
- (c) Building and Asset Renewal Ratio – greater than 100% over three years. Council result 55.91% - below benchmark.

(2) Infrastructure & Service Management:

- (a) Infrastructure Backlog Ratio – less than 2%. Council result 1.46% - above benchmark.
- (b) Asset Management Ratio – greater than 100% over three years. Council result 118.1% - above benchmark.
- (c) Debt Service Ratio – greater than 0% less than 20%. Council result 0.16% - above benchmark.

(3) Efficiency:

- (a) Real Operating Expenditure – a decrease in Real Operating Expenditure per capita over time.

Council result – Council is achieving a decrease in real operating expenditure – meets the benchmark.

While Council may choose to complete any of the templates, thought needs to be given to the Rural Council option or submitting a proposal for an improvement program. Council will be a member of the ORANA Joint Organisation regardless of the decision made.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Fit for the Future Program

The completed proposals will be assessed by another independent panel and a report provided to the OLG.

Financial Considerations:

Should Council wish to engage any external assistance in the preparation of the submission, there will be no subsidy from the OLG, the full cost will be borne by Council.

Options:

Council has several options in regard to its Fit for the Future proposal:

- (1) Do nothing – the OLG has indicated that if a council does not participate, the review panel will still make an assessment.
- (2) Pursue a merger with Gilgandra – this is one option proposed by the review panel.
- (3) Rural Council in ORANA Joint Organisation – the alternate option proposed by the review panel.
- (4) Submit an Improvement Proposal under Council's existing function and structure.

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

11.6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Cr Schieb gives notice that he will move the following motion at the meeting of Council on 11 February 2015:

“That Council not proceed with the proposed development of the eco spa at the current caravan park/Smith Park site and that the eco spa be developed on the Crown land available at the racecourse/golf club”.

Cr Schieb provides the following comments in support of his motion:

- (1) The area involved at the current proposed site is too small to allow for adequate development of the project.
- (2) The community would lose a low cost caravan park when there is an increase in the number of people travelling with caravans and motor homes.
- (3) Koonambil aged care facility is expanding and will need additional land in the future – the only area suitable and available is the western end of the current caravan park.

CR DON SCHIEB
9 January 2015

11.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Author: Economic Development Manager – Lee O'Connor

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Eco Spa + Caravan Park [EC2.1.7, I2.1.2]	1. Land Acquisition:	1. Tender successful. Contracts signed 7.1.15. Settlement due end March.
	2. Investment Attraction:	2. Documents to be finalised and advertising commence February.
Support new and existing business [EC 2.1.2] [L1.1.3] [P1.3.3] [EC 2.1.5]	1. Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions: provide information, advocacy and referral. 2. Chamber of Commerce – attended December meeting. 3. Business Awards – 4. Buy Local Campaign – 5. Inquiries New Residents – respond to online inquiries from prospective residents. Commence update of Information for Prospective Residents document. 6. Online Business Directory – update business details on www.localinfo.org.au . 7. Small Business Friendly Councils Program – media release for public commitment to the program. 8. Use of vacant government-owned sites and premises – pursue information re former DPI building and former Ambulance Station. Discussed with K Humphries 24.1.15.	1. Abattoir: DA for effluent ponds submitted 23.12.15. Air Service: Local business and resident contacts provided. Consultation process underway. Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station: meeting with RMS re local site first week in February. 2. Next Chamber meeting 17 th February. 3. Business Awards – Local winners to nominate for NSW Business Chamber Awards in March. 4. Campaign completed. Expenditure due end March. 5. 2 new inquiries in December. 2015 Welcome to Coonamble Dinner to be held Sat 28 Feb, 6.30, Bowling Club. 6. Business details updated on Online Business Directory. 7. Small Business Friendly Councils Program – press release in Coonamble Times 4.2.15. 8. Awaiting feedback from Property NSW and NSW Ambulance Service Assets Division. K Humphries, Member for Barwon, request letter

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Green Power [4.1.1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arranging Energy Management Basics Workshop & Site Assessments for Business in partnership with Chamber of Commerce. 2. Assisting with Low Income Household Efficiency Audits with Neighbourhood Centre. 3. Promoting Assistance for Primary Producers via Rural Financial Counsellor. 4. Supporting push for Local Energy Audit, Pre-Feasibility & Business Case for community renewables project 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshops to be funded by Office of Environment & Heritage. Dates TBC. 2. Audits to be funded by Nature Conservation Council. 3. Energy Innovation assistance available from NSW Farmers Association (not just for members). 4. Coonamble Environment Group submitted application for funding 15.12.14.
Employment Circle [EC2.1.4, EC3.3.1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convened Employment Circle meeting held 9 December. 2. Learner Driver Programs – co-ordinate discussions re funding and delivery. 3. Centrelink access and compliance issues – liaise with local agencies and Centrelink management Dubbo. 4. Orana Workforce Planning & Development Project – 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. See Employment Circle meeting notes attached. Next meeting 17th February, 11am. 2. Coonamble RTC program almost complete. Neighbourhood Centre 'Drive Your Life' scholarships provided to 18 learner drivers for 5 or 10 hours with instructor. 3. Centrelink Regional Manager yet to attend Employment Circle meeting. 4. Final report released early December. Available on RDA Orana website: www.rdaorana.org.au/research-into-the-workforce-capacity-of-the-orana-region
Economic Development Committee [EC2.1.1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact of drought – prepared Council submission to Agriculture Green Paper. 2. Aircraft Engineering Facility - 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission to Agriculture Green Paper 12.12.14. 2. Funding successful – announced 12.12.14. Note: Funding now available from NSW Government for Airport Infrastructure to support tourism.

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Advocacy [EC2.1.5]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Aviation Services Inquiry – 2. Drought – 3. Multi Peril Insurance - 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progressing inquiry for service delivery. 2. ED Committee recommended Council write again to political leaders for immediate support for affected areas. 3. Included in Submission to Agriculture Green Paper.
Orana EDO Network [P1.3.3] [EC3.4.5]	Attend EDO Meeting + Training in Dubbo 17.12.14. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Relocation Project – 2. REMPLAN – attended training 17.12.14. 	Minutes attached. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Branding underway. Website launch due 2. Coonamble Shire local Economic Profile and Community Profile now available on front page (bottom left) of Council website.

Recommendation:

That the information in the Economic Development Manager's report be noted.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
4 February 2015

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

Background:

In line with Council's 2014/15 Operational Plan, this report presents summary of community services progress and activities for the period December 2014 – January 2015.

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.***

The final Bang the Table events took place during the January school holidays. This project was funded by the Office of Communities with the following objectives:

- Engage young people in addressing barriers to participation
- Develop and strengthen communication, leadership and decision making skills
- Improve young people's access to community based activities
- Development of young people's knowledge and skills

The project achieved the following outcomes during its fifteen month duration:

- Employment and training of a young person as a Business Administration trainee
- Facilitation of nine youth driven community events (Big Day Out, Ridge Ride, Coonamble Pool Fun Day, Mental Health Wellbeing Day, Big Air School, Mini Jeep Day, Gulargambone Pool Fun Day, MMAD Dance Day, Drama Day)
- Youth Council workshops aimed at developing self-esteem, communication and leadership
- Facilitation of a Youth Forum

Young people developed practical skills, knowledge and decision making skills while involved with the planning and coordination of events. Skills were also developed through workshops and Youth Council activities focussing on communication, self-responsibility and conflict resolution.

Importantly, as a result of young peoples' achievements (providing community events, nomination for Youth Week awards and establishment of Gulargambone Holiday Program) they have developed an increased sense of civic pride and a strong belief that they can contribute to positive change in their community.

1.2 International Day of People with a Disability

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P4.1.1.
Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in
ability and age***

Council hosted a morning tea to celebrate International day of People with a Disability. The event was attended by twenty people with a disability and seven interested community members. Council staff conducted a consultation session in preparation of the Coonamble Shire Disability Action Plan. A summary of participants' views:

Access to Council facilities-

- Coonamble Swimming Pool is a great place to swim and meet with friends. Access good – steps to pool, water clean, staff helpful and friendly, canteen good prices and good food. A good place to go for entertainment (watch swimming carnivals).
- Museum is good because it is “interesting and has history”. Staff (Angie) friendly and helpful, the physical space is set out nicely.
- Library is a good place to visit because of the computers, the staff are friendly and helpful, there is useful information. It is a good place to visit just to be with friends and “hang out”.
- Sportsground – participants watch football, cricket, soccer/netball or gather to be with friends/socialise while the sports are on.
- Participants attend the Showground (for the show and rodeo).
- Parks and open spaces clean and well kept.

Suggested improvements to the above facilities included more opportunity for entertainment at the pool (carnivals/ movie nights/ activities) as well as additional shade.

Reference to access difficulties at the Showground included the grandstand (if the front row at the fence is not secured then the activities can't be viewed as the grandstand is too difficult to climb) as well as mobility restrictions caused by wet weather. Lack of ramps at the museum was also raised as an access issue.

Additional activities for the target group at the library was suggested

Access to employment –

Participants reported that they are happy in their current employment but some people would like to work in the “open” labour market. Participants believe that there are no opportunities for open employment and attribute this to attitudes towards people with a disability.

1.3 Coonamble Fun Day

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

The Tenant Support and Education Project hosted a community event in Gulargambone on the 27th November. Council staff utilised the day to consult with community in preparation for ageing population planning. Twenty two individual surveys were conducted with the target group.



Council supported the event by allowing entry and extended hours at the Coonamble Pool. This enabled event participants to enjoy an evening movie at the pool, with approximately two hundred people attending.

1.4 School Holiday Programs

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

Council facilitated the following school holiday activities during January 2015.

Date	Event
Mon 12/01	Story time for pre-schoolers – Coonamble Library Art Workshop with Roslyn Shields – Coonamble Library
Tue 13/01	Movies, board games and craft – Coonamble Library Hip Hop dance and music workshops – Gulargambone
Wed 14/01	Craft @ the Library – Coonamble Hip Hop dance and music workshops – Coonamble Gular Holiday Program – trip to Coonamble
Thu 15/01	Craft @ the Library - Coonamble Fun day at Gulargambone Pool
Fri 16/01	Art Workshop with Roslyn Shields – Coonamble Library Gular holiday program – Youth Centre
Mon 19/01	Story time for pre-schoolers- Coonamble Library Art Workshop with Roslyn Shields – Coonamble Library Gular holiday program – trip to Coonamble
Tue 20/01	Movies, board games and craft – Coonamble Library Gular holiday program – Youth Centre
Wed 21/01	Drama / theatre workshop – Coonamble Vacation Care Centre Gular holiday program – trip to Coonamble
Thu 22/01	Waste to Art workshop – Coonamble Library Gular holiday program – Youth Centre
Fri 23/01	Life size self-portrait art – Coonamble Library Gulargambone trip to Dubbo
Sat 24/1	Inflatable at the Coonamble pool
Sun 25/1	Inflatable at the Coonamble pool
Mon 26/01	Australia Day breakfast & activities Inflatable at the Coonamble pool

Tue 27/01	Inflatable at the Coonamble pool
Wed 28/01	Inflatable at the Gular Pool
Thu 29/01	Inflatable at the Gular Pool
Fri 30/01	Inflatable at the Gular Pool

1.5 Library Connections project

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- 12.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need. 12.2.3 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.

The Library Connections Project was funded by the NSW State Library through its Country Libraries Fund Grants 2012/13. The project ran from August 2013 to December 2014 with total funds of \$82,170. The project has now finalised.

Project goals were:

1. Develop Cultural Competency in the Coonamble Shire Library.
2. Increase visitation to Coonamble Library by Aboriginal community members.
3. Develop sustainable, responsive, cultural Library programs and activities.

Prior to the project, the library did not provide programs for children or young people and very few young people visited the library. The Library Connections project initiated after school activity each school day, regular movie nights, home work help and regular pre-school story time sessions.

Place-making activity has resulted in a permanent cultural display housing art and craft by local Aboriginal people. Art and language workshops, and the visible location of the Project Worker within the library, created a bridge for non-traditional library users to visit the space.

In response to a cultural competency self-assessment, library practice and processes were improved. The physical space was also enhanced and developed to better reflect the needs of the target groups and establish an inclusive public space.

The Library Connections project aimed to develop relationships, improve services and respond to the Aboriginal community more effectively. While the project significantly increased visitation by Aboriginal people and diversified usage of the library space, it revealed alarming community attitudes.

Fourteen letters/emails were received from community members and former staff (between 14 December 2013 and 2 March 2014). Complaints involved matters regarding management of staff, library changes generally or specific elements of the Library Connections project. Expressed views included the following:

- Literacy programs, whilst useful, should not be facilitated from the library
- Aboriginal artworks should not be displayed in the library
- Children/youth programs should not be facilitated from the library
- Training / skill development sessions should not be facilitated from the library
- Libraries are a place of quiet reflection, services had been adequate and no change to Coonamble Library is welcome

The Project Worker, and other staff, were subject to verbal abuse and inappropriate comments from the public. Comments such as “*you are trying to turn this into a blackfella library*”, and similar, were made on a number of occasions. This caused staff stress, conflict in the community and unearthed the level of racism adopted by a portion of the community.

As a result of resistance to the project, certain project elements did not reach their full potential. Despite this, new services were implemented and will continue as part of usual library functions.

2. Gulargambone Holiday Program

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

The Gulargambone Holiday program operated during two weeks of the January holidays and provided two hundred and forty two occasions of service with numbers ranging between nineteen and thirty eight children attending each day.

Council facilitated a Fun Day as part of the program, funded by the Office of Communities (Bang the Table project) and hosted by the Youth Council. Two hundred and twenty one people attended and enjoyed free entry to the pool, a range of giant inflatable equipment and a BBQ.



3. Coonamble Vacation Care

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

Coonamble Vacation Care operated during the January holiday period and provided only six occasions of service. A separate report is provided regarding the viability of the service.

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. P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people

- Renovation of kitchen and outdoor area with new furniture and coffee nook accessible to the public.
- International Day of People with a Disability morning tea and Coonamble Shire Disability Action Plan consultation.
- Commenced Summer Reading Club with twenty five participants. The program encourages children to continue reading over the school holidays, maintaining their literacy levels.
- Increased DVD collection.
- A dedicated space for use of tablets is popular, with a high volume of young people accessing the area.
- Housebound deliveries to patrons with copy of Seniors Magazine continue every fortnight.
- As the Shire provided the only program of activities for children over the holidays, the library played an important part in providing a venue. Story time, art, craft, movies and games for children were conducted.
- Three day art workshops with a local artist conducted during January.
- External groups using the library space included Coonamble Writers Group, Family History Group and Interact Employment Specialists.
- The Skircle group continued during December with child care provided for parents.

After school activities –

- Home work help and afterschool activities continue at the Coonamble Library with one hundred and twenty children attending during the reporting period (Home work help- Four children, after school activities – eighty children, holiday period – approximately one hundred and fifty children).
- Big Screen movie nights occurred once during the reporting period with ten attendees.

Library statistics

Service	Total Issues	New Memberships	WiFi	Internet	Visits
Coonamble	798 ↓	16↑	40↓	193↓	750 (Dec & Jan)
Gulgambone	40 ↓	0↓			

Patron assistance	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History Enquiries
Coonamble	6 ↓	13 ↓	1

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.

- New Dubbo/Great Western Plains Guide printed and distributed
- Further directional signage for the Macquarie Marshes erected on the Warren Road, Carinda Road and Tucca Tucca Street.
- Administration of the Regional Flagship Funding for the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft on behalf of the Coonamble Rodeo Association.

Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (December 14)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
78	Retiree 35 Worker 28 Family 15	NSW 62 QLD 10 VIC 6	Local 50 Regional 28	Directions 60 Attractions 45 Eateries 10 Toilets 35 Souvenirs 10 Accommodation 5

Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (January 15)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*
50	Retiree 30 Worker 10 Family 10	NSW 45 QLD 5 VIC 5	Local 25 Regional 25	Directions 50 Attractions 30 Eateries 10 Toilets 25 Souvenirs 5 Accommodation 10

*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

6. Events

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

Australia Day organisation continued through December and January. Formal celebrations and the presentation of the Australia Day awards were held at the Pavilion. Attendance was good, with Rotary reporting they prepared nearly two hundred breakfasts. Ambassador Clary Castrission and his wife Kit were thrilled with the reception they received from Coonamble.

Recipients of awards were:

Citizen of the Year: Anne Kennedy

Young Citizen of the Year: Rusty Hodges

Community Event of the Year: 10th anniversary of Coonamble
Education Foundation

Sportsperson of the Year: Castlereagh Industries Support Workers

Young Sportsperson of the Year: Lachlan Colwell

7. Museum Under the Bridge

The Museum Under the Bridge and Heritage Committee held its Christmas Party in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, which must be held within three months of the end of the financial year. Cr Webb continues as the chair, Cr Walker as the deputy chair and Curator Angie Little remains the Secretary/Treasurer.

The museum is closed from Christmas Eve through to February, for the Curator to change storylines and exhibitions. The museum was also closed for two weeks during December due to family illness and bereavement.

8. Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday, March 1, 2015

The two sites which were registered last year for Coonamble Shire Council have been registered again this year, being the Riverbank near the Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge and Back Combara Road. The day will commence at 8am and conclude at 11am.

This information is also listed on the Clean Up Australia site – www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au Bags and Clean Up kits have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly.

Advertising to encourage community participation has commenced and Councillors are invited to take on site captain roles again.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Library Act 1939

Financial Considerations: Nil.

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress report.

12.2 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACT 2014
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - L1.4.5.
Governance is open and transparent.***

Background:

The NSW *Disability Inclusion Act 2014* and the *Disability Inclusion Regulation 2014* commenced on 3 December 2014.

The Act replaces the *Disability Services Act 1993*. The new Act takes a human rights approach to people with disability, with the Act's objects, principles and definition of disability aligning with the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.

Part 2 of the Act requires the NSW Government to develop a four year State Disability Inclusion Plan to guide how all government organisations work towards inclusion. At the next level, it requires NSW Government departments, local councils and other public authorities to develop and implement Disability Inclusion Action Plans.

Issues:

Council is required to prepare a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) in accordance with the Act and Regulation.

The DIAP must contain actions to be put in place so that people with disability can participate fully in the local community and can access supports and services provided by Council.

The DIAP must outline:

- how the *Disability Inclusion Act's* principles will be addressed
- strategies to support people with disability
- how people with disability were consulted
- how the plan supports the NSW State Disability Inclusion Plan.

The NSW Government is developing guidelines and supporting tools in relation to Disability Inclusion Action Plans. Local councils, government departments and other public authorities are required to use these guidelines when preparing their plans

Local councils are required to complete their DIAP by 1 July 2017. Review of the plan is to occur every four years and Council is required to include the plan in its Annual Report.

Council's Delivery Program includes the action "P4.2.6 – *Develop a Disability Action Plan*". In response, Council's Operational Plan 2014/15 action is "*Finalise Disability Action Plan*".

To this end planning and community consultation commenced in 2014.

Neither the NSW State Disability Inclusion Plan nor the Government's guidelines for preparing the DIAP have yet been produced. As both of these documents are required in the development of the DIAP, production of Coonamble Shire's Plan will not be completed during the 2014/15 operational year. Community Consultation will continue, but in order to complete the DIAP in line with requirements, the action will be included in the 2015/16 Operational Plan.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Disability Inclusion Act 2014
- Disability Inclusion Regulation 2014

Financial Considerations: Nil

Options: N/A

Recommendation:
That Council note the information contained in the Disability Inclusion Act 2014 report.

12.3 COONAMBLE VACATION CARE SERVICE

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

Background:

The Coonamble Vacation Care service operates during school holiday periods between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Service is approved for a maximum of 30 children per session aged between 5 and 12 years.

The Coonamble Vacation Care Community Committee collapsed in 2012. At that time, there were no alternate services. Council considered vacation care to be an important service for families and children, particularly working parents/carers, and resolved to provide the program as part of its community services function.

Attendance numbers over the past two years appear below.

Holiday period	Occasions of service
January 2013	155
April 2013	56
July 2013	48
October 2013	42
January 2014	133
April 2014	30
July 2014	53
January 2015	6

Vacation care is a fee for service operation with additional funding received from the Department of Education and Communities. Council employs casual staff as Vacation Care Assistants.

Issues:

In January 2015 staff became aware of other operators offering a vacation care service. Investigation confirmed the following information:

- Smart Kids, Wilga Street Coonamble is operating before and after school care and has commenced a vacation care program.
- Coonamble Children's Services, Dubbo Street, has commenced a vacation care service.

The Directors of both organisations confirmed that they have included a vacation care program in order to build on their current early childhood services. They also confirmed that they have service accreditation and intend for their programs to continue to operate each school holiday period.

In terms of demand, three competing services are excessive and this is reflected in Coonamble Vacation Care's attendance numbers for January 2015. Council resolved to coordinate the service in absence of any alternative. As two local businesses are now offering vacation care, consideration should be given to ceasing Council's facility and allowing the local child care providers to deliver these services.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Financial Considerations: Nil.

Options:

1. That Council continues to operate the existing service.
2. That Council ceases operation of the Coonamble Vacation Care Service.

Recommendation:

1. That Council advertise its intention to cease operation of the Coonamble Vacation Care Service.
2. That, after consideration of any submissions received, a determination be made at the March 2015 Council meeting.

12.4 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING – BI-ANNUAL REPORT

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program - L1.4.5. Governance is open and transparent.

Background:

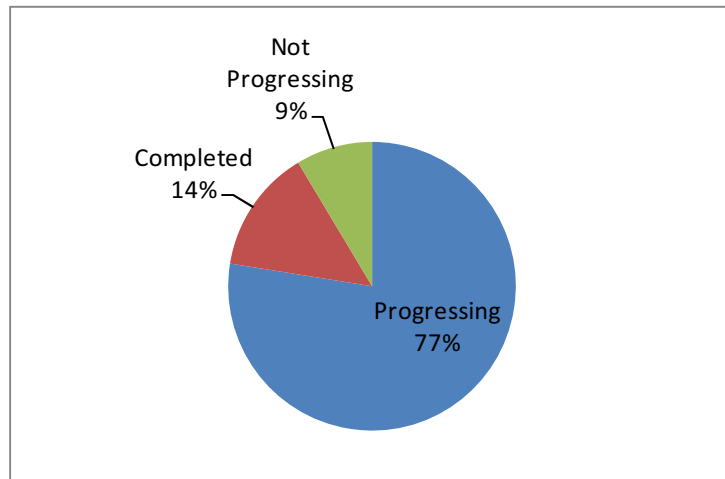
Coonamble Shire Council adopted its first suite of documents within the Integrated Planning Framework in 2012. Overarching this suite of interrelated plans is the Community Strategic Plan 2026 which identifies the aspirations of the community.

Council's Delivery Program outlines activities that Council will undertake in order to deliver its part of the Coonamble Shire Strategic Plan. At the beginning of each year, Council prepares an Operational Plan which outlines the actions Council will undertake to work towards achieving the outcomes in the four year Delivery Program.

Council is required to report its performance in these activities to the community on a six monthly basis. The Bi-annual Report outlines Operational Plan activity for the period 01 July to 31 December 2014.

Issues:

As at 31 December 2014 twenty six actions have been completed and a further one hundred and forty five actions and activities are in progress. Sixteen actions, out of one hundred and eighty seven, have been identified as not yet progressing.



The Bi-Annual Report July – December 2014 outlines progress against each action and is attached as **ANNEXURE F**

Financial Considerations:

Nil.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in the report.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Community Services

29 January 2015

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN
SERVICES**
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/01/2015 compared to 31/01/2014:

	31/01/2015	31/01/2014
Arrears 30 th June previous year	777,517.47	791,468.50
Plus 2014/2015 Combined Levy	5,824,739.56	5,679,001.15
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,602,257.05	6,470,469.65
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(63,499.60)	(61,442.75)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(51,954.21)	(50,271.34)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,486,803.24	6,358,755.56
Less Collections	(3,499,518.18)	(3,255,266.71)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	2,987,285.06	3,103,488.85
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	2,987,285.06	3,103,488.85
Collection % of Total Receivable	53.95%	52.04%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	46.03%	47.96%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS – JANUARY 2015
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Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 09/04/2015	3.41%	90 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 29/05/2015	3.45%	150 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 28/04/2015	3.40%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 16/04/2015	3.35%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 01/05/2015	3.40%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 03/03/2015	3.30%	90 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 21/04/2015	3.35%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 23/02/2015	3.10%	62 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 12/03/2015	3.40%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 16/04/2015	3.45%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/03/2015	3.15%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 27/02/2015	3.50%	92 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 - 25/02/2015	3.50%	92 Days	1,500,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 16,500,000

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
				\$ 16,500,000

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
			\$ 16,500,000
General Fund Investments			10,355,107
Sewerage Investment Fund			3,768,610
Water Investment Fund			2,376,283
			\$ 16,500,000

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 31 January 2015 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.

13.3	2015/16 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN
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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:

Each year Council is required to prepare and adopt an Operational Plan, complete with financial estimates, for the forthcoming financial year, i.e. 2015/16.

Management and staff have commenced the process of compiling information from historical data and Council's long term plans to form the basis of the estimates. Part of this process involves submission of items by Councillors and management for consideration in conjunction with the estimates planning for the coming year.

Councillors are again invited to submit specific items they would like included in the estimates for the 2015/16 financial year.

Issues:

As per the requirements of Section 405 of the Local Government Act, Council is required to prepare and place on display a Draft Operational Plan and invite submissions from the public for a period of not less than 28 days. It is intended that the 2015-2016 Draft Operational Plan be tabled at Council's May meeting (Wednesday 13 May) for consideration.

Given the timetable in place, Councillors are requested to have any items they wish considered as part of the 2015-2016 estimates to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services by the **March Council Meeting** (Wednesday 11 March). Items for consideration should include an estimated cost and identify possible funding sources for that item.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Considerations: Nil

Options: Nil

Recommendation:

That the information be noted and items to be included for consideration in conjunction with the 2015/16 estimates be handed to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services no later than Wednesday 11 March 2015.

13.4 COONAMBLE LAWN CEMETERY EXPANSION

***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
14.2 Ensure Long term management and protection of our
community assets***

Background:

During the preparation of the 2014/2015 estimates Council was advised that the lawn section of the Coonamble Cemetery was approaching full capacity and it would be necessary for Council to consider expanding this section to cope with future demands. At the time of the writing of this report only 13 plots remain available.

Issues:

Based on the preparation of estimates and quotes obtained by Council staff, it is estimated that the construction of a new section containing approximately 80 plots will cost approximately \$60,000.

Following the process of preparing the December 2014 Budget review for Council's consideration, it was requested by staff to include the necessary funding to allow for the completion of the proposed works within this financial year.

This was due to the fact that the projected balance of the Cemetery Reserve of \$35,000 has already been earmarked for other necessary works such repairs/ replacement of the boundary fence and remedial road works to the South Eastern Corner. It should also be noted that Councils Budgeted financial position following the preparation of the December 2014 review remains in surplus of \$94,382.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Crown Lands Act 1989.
- Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013.
- New South Wales Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations:

For Council's information the estimated cost (\$60,000) for the construction of the new section of the lawn cemetery can be broken down into the following components:

- Preparation of site and construction of road around new section
- \$ 20,000.
- Construction and Pour Headwall and borders as per specification
- \$ 30,000.
- Laying of Turf complete with installation of underground watering system
- \$ 10,000.

Options:

1. Allocate the \$60,000 as shown in the December 2014 Budget Review to allow for the construction of a new section at the Coonamble Lawn Cemetery.
2. Not allocate the funding as requested and consider the proposed expansion of the Lawn Cemetery as part of the 2015/16 Estimates process.

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

13.5 STORES & MATERIALS UNACCOUNTED FOR AND STORES & MATERIALS WRITTEN IN – PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

The stock take of stores and materials has been completed and a list of store items requirement adjustment is set out below:

Items in Excess:

<u>Stores No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S00001	Abrasive disc	2	6.72
S00057	Boots	4	240.00
S00070	Broom – Bass	1	11.77
S00089	Cement	9	77.73
S00270	Fly spray	3	25.53
S00285	Gloves	7	82.65
S00302	Grease tubes	2	14.21
S00460	Padlock	1	56.69
S00463	Paint – Road-marking	2	380.00
S00472	Petrol	27	35.26
S00487	Post – Galv 10 x 2	28	657.09
S00535	Safety glasses	2	27.81
S50008	Bend 150mm x 45' MF	1	15.80
S50009	Bend 150mm x 15' FF & MF	1	12.05
S50010	Bend 100mm x 15' MF	1	0.01
S50249	Bends 150mm x 45' MF	3	0.03
S50250	Bends 150mm x 90' FF – Access Tee (junction)	4	72.93
S50268	150mm x 90mm MF	3	116.72
Total			\$1,833.00

Items Unaccounted For:

<u>Stores No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S00331	Hats	2	14.89
S00470	Pegs – Survey	6	13.10
S000289	Grader blades 5 x 6	4	367.90
S50095	Pathcock ¾ FF	1	17.41
S50098	Pathcock 1	1	34.26
S50260	Cap – Push-on 150mm	1	12.00
S50310	St Coupling 150mm threaded	2	32.95
Total			\$492.51

Summary:	Items in Excess	\$1,833.00
	Items Unaccounted For	<u>\$ 492.51</u>
	Total S&M Written In	<u>\$1,340.49</u>

Recommendation:

That Council authorise the writing in of stores and materials in the sum of \$1,833.00 and the writing off of stores and materials in the sum of \$492.51, as shown above, for the period ending 31 December 2014.

13.6 WORKS IN PROGRESS

Parks & Gardens:

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of Council open spaces, in particular the presentation of open spaces under Council's control. Over the past month Council has been operating with a skeleton crew and battling the ongoing dry conditions.
- Repairs to the Irrigation spears at Macdonald Park have been carried out and the system is once again operational.
- The travelling irrigator at the Coonamble showground has been replaced with works continuing on restoring the operational capacity of the irrigation spears in place at the showground.

Vandalism Update:

- The current cost vandalism to Council facilities for the 2014/15 financial year is \$24,420.
- 14/12/2014 - Fence cut at Coonamble Pool and Jerry can containing fuel stolen.
- 17/12/2014 – Fence cut at Coonamble Pool, storage shed broken into with tools and Jerry cans of fuel stolen. The Swimming clubhouse and Canteen were also broken into by perpetrators. Graffiti on Tables in Main Street and surrounds.
- 18/12/2014- Graffiti on Tables in Main Street and surrounding seating area.
- 19/12/2014- Graffiti on Tables in Main Street and surrounding seating area. Toilets in McDonald Park vandalised
- 22/12/2014- Coonamble Pool Fence cut (McDonald Park side). -Rocks thrown into the Pool at the ladies doing water aerobics
- 23/12/2014- Four panels cut in the rear fence of the Coonamble Pool.- Scale room at the Coonamble Saleyards broken into with minor damage to building.
- 24/12/2014- Perimeter fence at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 28/12/2014- Rear perimeter fence at Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 29/12/2014- Perimeter fence at the Coonamble Pool was cut behind the Grandstand.
- 05/01/2015- Facilities at McDonald Park vandalised, in particular the toilet - Quambone Pool had rubbish and toilet paper thrown into the pool requiring clean up by Council staff.
- 07/01/2015- McDonald Park facilities including toilets, footpaths, tables and chairs were vandalised by Graffiti. Police were called and some of those responsible for the vandalism were brought back to clean the Graffiti on the following day.
- 10/01/2015- Perimeter fence (McDonald Park side) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 19/01/2015- Perimeter fence (McDonald Park side) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.

- 20/01/2015- Perimeter fence (McDonald Park side) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 21/01/2015- Perimeter fence (McDonald Park side) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 22/01/2015- Perimeter fence (McDonald Park side) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 23/01/2015- Perimeter fence (Rear) at the Coonamble Pool was cut.
- 29/01/2015- Rear perimeter fence at Coonamble Pool was cut, perpetrators broke into the upstairs clubhouse and triggered alarm.

Pools:

- Sensor lights for rear of the main complex at the Coonamble Pool have been ordered to improve lighting around the area.
- The hire of the inflatable slides which were used at the Coonamble and Gulargambone Pool for Australia Day celebrations and once again proved successful.

Buildings:

- Repainting toilets at the Gulargambone Memorial Hall is due to be carried out by the end of February.
- Repairs to the Barry Jackson Poultry Pavilion Roof have been completed.
- The replacement of failed CCTV cameras at Joe's Butchery and the Theatre has been completed.
- Replacement of the CCTV camera in MacDonald Park has commenced.
- Minor Repairs carried out to buildings.

Recommendation:

That the information contained in this item be noted.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services

2 February 2015

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

14.1 POLICY – GATES & GRIDS ON PUBLIC ROADS

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

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance & construction

11.3.1 Support projects that aim to reduce transport disadvantage.

Background:

An updated draft of Council's policy for the erection of grids and gates on public roads was presented to the meeting on 10 December 2014, along with the specification for construction of standard public gates and grids.

In considering the draft document, Council resolved – in part - to endorse it, 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. The amended policy was placed on public exhibition for the prescribed period, inviting submissions and/or comment.

Issues:

As per my report to the December 2014 meeting, the policy relating to Public Gates and Cattle Grids is a much needed process improvement to Council's administration and management, forming a key component of sound corporate governance. The policies and procedures aim to:

1. Protect the travelling public;
2. protect the interests of Council and property owners;
3. Inform the community about the processes in place;
4. Establish clear guidelines as to how Council receives development approval applications, administers and manages public gates and cattle grids on public roads;
5. Ensure that application approval and Council management of public gates and cattle grids on public roads is consistent, transparent, fair and impartial.

The draft document was on public exhibition from 17 December 2014 until the closing date for submission and/or comment, which was Friday 23 January 2015.

Only one submission was received, that being from Wilfred Steiner, on behalf of Gisela Steiner, Harald Steiner and Wilfred Steiner – "Egerland", Coonamble. The submission/comments are detailed below:

1. Clause 4.1.3 of the policy requires a rebuild or removal by 30 September 2015. *This timeframe is very tight considering it is only 3 months after the self-assessment deadline and there is likely to be uncertainty as to availability of contractors and materials (we understand that Council did an audit of public gates and grids last year*

and approximately 194 of the 196 failed – this will result in substantial work being required in a short timeframe by many property owners). There is also further uncertainty as to when the draft policy will be approved by Council and the amount of time from approval to the date specified in clause 4.1.3. We recommend the date of 30 September 2015 is changed to at least 31 December 2015 or later.

Response:

It has been envisaged that the final draft of the policy will be presented at the 11 February 2015 Council meeting for approval. If the policy is approved on 11 February 2015 that would give property owners over 4 months to self assess for compliance. Allowing further 3 months for reconstruction is quite adequate, considering that the typical structure consists of a farm gate, cattle grid, signs and maintenance of 20m road approaches on each side of the structure.

Furthermore, the property owners are not limited to commence reconstruction works after 30 June 2015. In fact any maintenance or reconstruction should be undertaken as soon as any non-compliance is identified.

2. There is also a spelling mistake in clause 4.1.3. *The word “rebuild” should be changed to “rebuilt”.*

Response:

The term “rebuilt” has been substituted with “reconstructed”.

3. Reference is made in clauses 5.1, 6.2 and 9.2 to the Roads (General) Regulation 2000. *This Regulation appears to have been replaced by the Roads Regulation 2008.*

Response:

The reference has been amended.

4. Reference is made in clause 6.3 to the Australian Standards 5100. *To obtain a copy of this standard involves a cost and Council should consider making a copy of this Standard available free of charge and accessible on its website.*

Response:

Copies of the Australian Standards are widely available at public libraries. The policy appendices include a summary of the requirements and standard drawings.

5. Clause 7.2.1 refers to the Council only considering an application if certain conditions are satisfied and clause 7.2.1.3 contains one of the conditions which is the road intersects a boundary fence. *An issue arises in that the word “boundary fence” is not defined and if the intention is for the meaning to be the boundary fence of a property rather than a paddock, this will result in all new public gates and grids*

not being allowed on any internal fences within a property. This has the impact of severely restricting the ability of landowners to maximise the potential use of their property through the erection of internal division fences. We are aware the wording in this clause is sourced from legislation, however, if the interpretation of the meaning does create this issue, it is recommended that Council recognise in its Policy this as an accepted variation from the legislation or request that the NSW Government amends the legislation as it has unintended consequences.

Response:

Policy terms and definitions are consistent with the National and State Regulations.

6. We assume that the issue in section 5 above does not apply to existing grids and gates and that clause 7.1 which requires compliance with relevant standards and regulations is intended to only deal with the structure rather than it meeting all regulations including its location on a boundary fence. *We recommend that Council confirms if this is the case.*

Response:

Policy terms and definitions are consistent with the National and State Regulations.

7. Table 1 of clause 7.2 refers to “double cattle grid and gate” and “single cattle grid and gate”. It is recommended these terms are defined in this section and, in particular, the width requirements of each are specified for the sake of clarity and to avoid confusion. *For example, it is not clear if the width of the gate is the same irrespective of whether it is a double cattle grid or a single cattle grid.*

Response:

Policy terms and definitions are consistent with the National and State Regulations. Details provided in the Appendix - Specification.

8. Clause 7.4.2 refers a maximum period of 24 months for permits. *This creates a burden on the property owner to lodge documents each 2 years. We recommend that this period is changed to 60 months (5 years) given that the structures will typically last well in excess of this period and also that Council will carry out regular inspections.*

Response:

24 months permit period is adequate to ensure that permit holders carry out regular inspections and maintenance of the Public Gates and Cattle Grids.

9. Clause 11.1 refers to the lodgement of documents which must be in person or by post. *Given the advancement of technology and widespread use of exchange of documents over the internet and*

electronic payment, we recommend Council changes this clause to also allow electronic lodgement of documents and electronic payment of the bond.

Response:

At this point in time the Council is not able to receive electronic lodgement of applications and payments. However electronic lodgement of applications will be considered in due course.

10. *Clause 11.6 refers to a construction bond with no amount mentioned. Council should insert the amount of the construction bond. Another issue is the transfer of this bond to a maintenance bond. In effect, the property owner will never see the return of this money from Council and this is strongly objected to. Other councils in NSW which have a grid and gates policy typically return this bond after construction is completed (for example, Richmond Valley Council and Kyogle Council). Further, the construction and maintenance of gates and grids on a public road is analogous to a house in town making changes to kerbing and guttering to allow vehicle access to their property and we are not aware that council requires an ongoing maintenance bond under this circumstance. It is recommended that Council return the construction bond once the construction is satisfactorily completed.*

Response:

The policy draft has been amended in line with the recommendation.

11. *Clause 11.3 refers to advertising in the local newspaper which is a requirement of legislation. This will result in numerous advertisements being placed in the local paper with little benefit and, hence, adds “red tape”. We can understand advertisements being required for major works but for the installation of a grid and gate is excessive. It is recommended that Council recognise in its Policy a variation from the legislation to remove the requirement for an advertisement or request that the NSW Government amends the legislation as it has unintended consequences.*

Response:

Clause 11.3 is in line with the requirements of the current legislation.

12. *Can Council clarify that if there is a grid and gate does the gate require a sign to be placed on it even though the road will be formed to travel over the grid. If so, is this sign included in signs available for purchase from Council?*

Response:

Clause 14 Appendices including 14.1 Specification and 14.2 Standard Drawings provide clear information in respect to the policy requirements. The Council will assist property owners by supplying required signs at cost.

- 13 The impact of this policy will result in a significant amount of upgrading work to be completed on existing grids and gates and the associated road works. *We recommend that Council offer a service to undertake the construction works for a reasonable cost.*

Response:

The Council will be able to carry out the necessary works if requested by the property owners based on the published fees and charges.

14. There are various standards and documents to consider when determining if existing gates and grids are compliant and the standards required for new gates and grids. *To make it easier for the typical property owner to understand and comply with the requirements, we recommend that Council include as part of the policy document flow charts to guide the property owner and/or a checklist.*

Response:

Detailed information has been furnished in the Clause 14 Appendices including 14.1 Specification and 14.2 Standard Drawings.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- NSW Roads Act 1993;
- Roads (General) Regulation 2000
- Australian Standard 5100(AS5100)
- Coonamble Shire Council Road Register
- Approved Inspection & Assessment Procedures.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council formally adopt the amended Policy for Construction of Public Gates and Cattle Grids on Public Roads (APPENDIX G) to be effective immediately and note that one submission and/or comment was received from the public.

14.2 WORKS IN PROGRESS

- (a) Plant/Workshop:**
 - Repairs have been completed as required on plant:
 - Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed on “as required” basis.

- (b) Saleyards:**
 - New loading ramp constructed.

- (c) Airport:**
 - Routine maintenance completed as required.
 - Management plan scheduled to be reviewed in the next 3 months.

- (d) Depot:**
 - Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.
 - Increased monitoring of fuel issues in progress.
 - Plant needs analysis to be undertaken in January 2015

- (e) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:**
 - Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
 - Water treatment plant is experiencing relatively minor issues related to the design and construction shortcomings. Public Works and Aquatec Maxcon were advised in writing and we are waiting for their response.

- (f) Sewerage:**
 - Removal of sludge and sediments from the evaporation pond has been delayed by recent rainfall.
 - Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.

- (g) State Highway:**
 - Works Completed

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Significant Issues Associated
1	Annual reseals mainly between Coonamble and Gulargambone.	\$480,000.00	

- Works Scheduled to Commence and Underway

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Significant Issues Associated
1	Rehab of 2 km at Wingadee underway. New variation to replace culvert 121.	\$870,000.00	Use of Bright VMS boards as trial to stop end of queue crashes. Use of GPS guided grader.
2	Culvert replacement south of Gulargambone upcoming	\$75,000.00	
3	We have received an order for a small quantity of Heavy Patching immediately to the south of the Telstra Tower rehabilitation.	\$50000	
4	Attendance to RMS own forces at Dallas 5 kms north of Coonamble. This work is currently under negotiation.		We may get asked for a price for supply deliver quarry products.

(h) **Urban, Local and Regional Roads:**

- Works Completed.

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Significant Issues Associated
1	Various Routine maintenance items		
2	Installation of approximately 50no. additional "Give way" signs identified as being needed		

- Works Scheduled to Commence and underway

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Significant Issues Associated
1	Ongoing regular maintenance: potholes, weed spraying etc		
2	Heavy patches: Warren Rd Carinda Rd Quambone Rd		
3	720m of Carinda Rd rehab as part of the Roads to Recovery funding is underway.		
4	Culvert maintenance/replacement Quambone Rd		
5	Consider concrete causeway repair Pilliga Rd		

6	Maintenance grading Carinda Road and other locations		
7	Installation of various road signs. We plan to cover the entire Shire (especially unsealed roads) replacing old and otherwise substandard signage. We also plan to install better delineation and signage at approaches to bridges and other locations	Approx. \$50000	
8	Guard rail repairs (timber post replacement and improved end terminals)	Approx \$100000	
9	Replacement of Dubbo St causeway		
10	Replacement of Nash St kerb and gutter to be considered		
11	Rehabs of sections of road: Toorawenah Rd. Box Ridge Rd		

(i) Levee:

- Under construction.

(j) Signage:

- Drop Dust - 4 signs have been ordered and will be installed prior to Christmas subject to the timely delivery.
- Caravan Parking - 4 signs have been ordered and will be installed prior to Christmas subject to the timely delivery.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information provided in this item.

PETER CHUDEK'

Director of Engineering Services

4 February 2015

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015****15.1 STATUS UPDATE – WORKS IN PROGRESS****Saleyards:**

- Works program continues with new crush installed, road works to new ramp completed.
- Electrical work to be finalised as soon as light pole is erected.
- A NSQA Audit was carried out by AUS-MEAT Limited on the 16 January and recommended the yards to be Accredited for the following year.

Common:

- New crush to be installed by the 5 February. This will finalise the works program for the new yards.
- Over 80mm of rain has fallen since the beginning of the year. A decision will be made on whether to open the Northern side of the common at the end of March

Caravan Park Amenities Building:

- Building to commence in late February, Wayne Mulholland has to finish present works prior to starting.

LEP Planning Proposal:

- The Department of Planning and Environment has made the Local Environmental Plan under section 59(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Under section 34(5) of the Act, it will take effect when published on the NSW Legislation website.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information in the report.

15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2015
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P2.2.5 Control straying animals***

Compliance Issues

Correspondence	<u>December/January 2014/2015</u>	<u>Year to Date 2014/2015 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	18	87
Infringements (Animals)	6	62
Infringements (Other)	12	12
Microchipped dogs Registrations	49 14	119 50
Nuisance dog declaration	0	1
Dangerous dog declaration	0	3
Restricted dog declaration	0	0

Impoundments

Dogs	37	131
Cats	20	74
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	57	205

Motor vehicle	2	2
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Breakdown of impoundments

Dogs destroyed	13	70
Dogs surrendered by owner	22	57
Dogs re-housed	21	44
Dogs released	1	20
Cats destroyed	19	62
Cats re-housed	1	3
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	2	17
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

Dog Attacks

Two dog attacks have occurred in Coonamble – offending dogs have been destroyed.

Recommendation: That Council note the information
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MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services
30 January 2015

**16. DELIVERY PROGRAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW –
PERIOD ENDING 31/12/2014
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

Background:

In accordance with Section 407 of the Local Government Act 1993 and 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 the extent to which the performance targets of Council, set by the Delivery Program, have been achieved and submit a review of the estimates of income and expenditure for Council's consideration – (attached A3 sheets).

Issues:

- (i) *DELIVERY PROGRAM:*
 Details of progress against Council's Delivery Program for the quarter ending 31 December 2014 is attached.
- (ii) *BUDGET REVIEW:*
 Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which is presented in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

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| (i) | <i>Delivery Program</i>
Local Government Act 1993 | Section 407 |
| (ii) | <i>Quarterly Review of Budget</i>
Local Government (General) Regulation | Section 203 |

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of attached Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) note the Delivery Program Review;**
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (3) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 December 2014.**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.

17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015

**17.1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
MUSEUM UNDER THE BRIDGE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2014 AT THE MUSEUM UNDER
THE BRIDGE COMMENCING 10.40 A.M.**

PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Cr John Walker, Hon Curator Angie Little, Marion Murray, Jennie Geerdink, CSC Grants and Events Officer

APOLOGIES: Helen Cant, Gordon Ditchfield, Matthew Cock

GUESTS: Lauren Picone, CSC Tourism Development Manager

Minutes of the previous AGM: The meeting noted that previous Annual General Meetings had been aborted due to a lack of quorum. Office bearers were elected at a General Meeting.

The meeting was advised they were electing their officials until December 2015.

Cr Webb declared the positions vacant and gave the Chair to the Grants and Events Officer for the election of office bearers.

Nominations were called for the position of Chairman. The only nomination received was that of Cr Webb, which was declared carried.

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Chairman. The only nomination received was that of Cr Walker, which was declared carried.

Nominations were called for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. The only nomination received was that of Angie Little, which was declared carried.

The Grants and Events Officer relinquished the chair in favour of the Chairman.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Curator's report will be presented at the next general meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.46am

Members then enjoyed a Christmas gathering and wished each other well for the coming year.

17.2 MINUTES OF THE ORANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK MEETING HELD AT DUBBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOMS ON 16TH DECEMBER 2014, COMMENCING AT 1PM.

Present Randall Medd, Megan Glascott, Kellsey Melhuish, Aileen Bell, Angela Shepherd, Robyn Ryan, Belinda Barlow, Josie Howard, Jacki Parish, Sarah Derrett and Lee O'Connor (via teleconference).

Item 1 - Apologies Emma Welsh, Phil Johnston, Belinda Colless, Julie Robertson and Donna Pumpa.

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest Nil.

Item 3 – Adopt minutes from the meeting held in Coonabarabran on Wednesday 29th October

RECOMMENDED Aileen/Megan that the minutes of the meeting held in Coonabarabran on Wednesday 29th October 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. **Carried.**

Item 4 - Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Lee requested an update on the action item arising from General Business being that Randall discuss with Belinda Barlow regarding whether it may be appropriate for the Orana ED group to consider developing concepts for economic development services to fit within the joint organisation proposal.

Belinda confirmed to the group that the Orana Regional Organisation of Council (OROC) joint organisation proposal was not selected as a pilot and that another announcement regarding joint organisations is expected in February 2015.

Item 9 (brought forward on the agenda) – RDA Orana Update

Sarah Stanford and new RDA Orana staff member Georgia joined the meeting and provided the following updates:

Workforce Capacity Report - Following the recent release of the report from Urbis, the stakeholder group will meet early in 2015 to plan the next steps required to address the key issues highlighted by the report such as intra-regional competition for employees. Any concerns or feedback on the report should be conveyed to Randall to be raised with the stakeholder group.

Orana Outlook Dinner - Surveys received back from attendees are currently being reviewed.

- It is intended that next year's event will be scheduled further in advance and suggestions are being invited on location and speakers for future events.

Staff movements - Two new staff members have recently joined RDA Orana (Georgia and Helen). There are no longer any vacant positions at RDA Orana.

Regionalised Infrastructure Audit and Masterplan- Currently in progress. The end result will be a comprehensive infrastructure capability analysis and identification of priority infrastructure projects.

ACTION: All to critique the 'Research into the Workforce Capacity of the Orana Region' report and provide details of concerns and/or feedback via email to Randall by mid-February 2015.

Item 6 (brought forward on the agenda) - Foundation for Regional Development (Peter Bailey)

Peter Bailey joined the meeting and provided the following updates:

□ Virtual Expo – The Foundation has recently launched a new website - www.countrysw.com.au - that includes links to 112 Local Government Areas in NSW. There is a free listing for every Council and opportunities to value add to that listing. Each Council is requested to review their listings and provide any feedback to Peter.

- Currently working on search engine optimisation.

- The Foundation will be promoting the website at the 2015 Sydney Royal Easter Show. The area allocated is between the Woolworths and Lifestyle Pavilions and there is opportunity to partner in this event at a cost of \$2,300 for three days. The group is invited to consider this as a potential opportunity to launch the Orana Regional Relocation project.

□ Economic Development Conference – Planning is under way for the next conference to be held in Queanbeyan in February 2015. The focus will be on 'Building Regional Australia through Infrastructure Partnerships' and will also showcase best practice businesses and community projects.

□ Country and Regional Living Expo 2015 – Funding has been increased to \$150,000 with the event to be held once again at Sydney Olympic Park.

- There will no longer be a tourism focus at the event.

- The event will be held over three days (Friday 31st July to Sunday 2nd August) with the plan to hold a Country Careers and Jobs Expo on the Friday.

□ Foundation Dinners – The Foundation has recently been hosting dinners in Sydney to promote living in regional areas of Australia.

ACTION: All to visit the Country NSW website, review own Council's listing and provide feedback to Peter.

Item 5 - Orana Regional Relocation Project

Randall provided a brief update from the morning's workshop held with Andrew Drane of Bush Media and project participants. The timeframe for completion is currently end of March 2015 and all are requested to provide any relevant images that may be used for the website and brochure.

ACTION: All project participants to provide images permissible for use on the Orana Regional Relocation website and brochure to Andrew Drane.

Item 7 – Orana Workforce Planning and Development Strategy

Refer to action at item 9 above. Further to this, Belinda suggested seeking feedback also from Human Resources staff.

ACTION: All to circulate the 'Research into the Workforce Capacity of the Orana Region' report to HR staff and include details of concerns and/or feedback in an email to Randall by mid-February 2015.

Item 8 – Destination Management Plans

Central Inland Destination Management Group - Work is continuing on the white paper for accommodation and the Great Western Plains destination guide has recently been finalised. Wellington tourism update – Currently focussed on product development.

Item 10 – Regional Round Up

Please see separate report attached. This has been updated with additional information provided at the meeting for Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warrumbungle.

Item 11 - General Business

Belinda Barlow advised that the Department of Infrastructure may soon be engaging with the Orana ED group regarding the Bells Line of Road corridor improvement program.

Belinda Barlow informed the group that the Department of Planning will be addressing OROC early next year regarding growth planning for the Orana Region. All agreed that it would be relevant for the Orana ED group to be part of this also.

Following on from previous meetings, the issue of disused/contaminated fuel sites is yet to be addressed. It was agreed that the starting point for this is to collate details of these sites including maps to highlight that many of these sites are in prime locations.

Randall raised the issue of businesses being purchased for visa purposes. This has become a concern in Gilgandra recently and could be an emerging issue for all to be aware of.

ACTION: All to collate address and owner details for disused/contaminated fuel sites within own LGA and email to Lee.

Item 12 – Confirmation of date for next meeting

Tentatively 6th February 2015 in Dubbo, (to coincide with next OROC meeting).

Meeting finished at 4pm.

17.3 REGIONAL ROUND UP – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**BREWARRINA**

- No update available.

BOURKE

- Update to be provided at meeting.

COBAR**(i) Cobar Enterprise Facilitation:**

AGM was scheduled for mid December but has been rescheduled for early next year. A new president is required, with the current one putting his hand up to resign after six years in the job.

(ii) Cobar Business Association:

The Cobar Business Association held a very successful late night shopping, markets and street parade Christmas event on 27 November. The parade continues to grow and retailers were pleased with the sales from the night and following days. However, it is with much sadness that I report we lost our Secretary (and parade organiser) in tragic circumstances earlier this month. Margaret will be sadly missed from the community and particularly the Business Association which she put a great deal of energy into. It is a small committee so at this point it is unclear if anyone else will step up next year. The Cobar Quids remain forever popular and there are currently over \$70K worth out in the community to be spent by Christmas.

(iii) Cobar Economic Taskforce:

Council decided not to support the efforts of Cllr Peter Yench regarding his Carbon Credit scheme (through the Economic Taskforce), so Peter is now progressing his ask to have all western division property holders become eligible to sell their trees for carbon credits by himself.

No progress has been made with the REMPLAN program to date – hopefully in the new year.

(iv) Mining Activity:

Southern Cross Goldfields are continuing to progress the reopening of the Manuka Silver Mine and are currently working with a contracting company to have all building approved (the last company did extensive illegal developments). They are also working through documentation left by the last company and with Council to ensure the mine is operational as soon as possible and complying with all requirements.

The Hera Mine at Nymagee officially opened 26 November. Council is currently seeking grant funds to have the Nymagee to Hermidale road upgraded as a transport route for the mine (originally it was to be primarily along the state highway).

(v) Grants:

It has been a very busy couple of months with grant submissions. There has been a focus on road projects for the last couple of months, and Council is now trying to plan the future of the Cobar Youth and Fitness Centre – to bring it back to being a youth centre. Council has also had numerous fires etc at the tip this year and efforts are focused on improving security, reducing fire hazards and surveillance and the tip, as well as implementing the recommendations from the EPA.

(vi) Tourism, Events and Festivals:

There was another successful Festival of the Miners Ghost held in October. Plans are now underway for the Australia Day celebrations. The Seniors Christmas party is due to be held this week and the community embraced the town Christmas party run by the Business Association. Plans are underway for a weekend of celebrations in March with the opening of the skate park and airport improvements.

(vii) Air Services:

There is still no movement forward with finding an RPT service provider. The upgrade project will be completed by the end of January 2015. Council will then seek to have the airport open to larger aircraft.

(viii) Fit for the Future:

This will increasingly take up more of Council's time in working through the options and developing a position within Council. This in turn is likely to refocus efforts on strategic planning and the IP&R documentation in the future. At this stage, Council is looking at undertaking a FFTF submission, despite being included in the Western Area Initiative.

(ix) Sister City:

A team of five travelled from Cobar to join two Canterbury teams and 6 other teams in the Corporate Leadership Cup challenge in Harden at the end of November – a team building and professional development program.

The Cobar team performed really well and came third. This is an excellent development program – and probably the best way to spend any training budget for a relatively low cost.

(x) Tourism Numbers:

There has been no growth in tourism numbers over the last 3 years. People are driving through our region to have an outback experience in QLD or the NT but necessarily considering NSW for that. Is NSW not selling our story enough. There has been strong growth in the motor-home industry, but our area isn't benefiting.

(xi) Business – new and old:

There is currently a DA in for a new pharmacy in town. It begs the question if there is adequate business to support two businesses. There continues to be difficulties in sourcing some hardware products locally.

We have recently had a new plumber come to town and a new builder, however already it is hard to source them for non-mining work.

The number of blackouts over the Christmas celebrating period has affected the hospitality industry (and those trying to celebrate!). It has also caused a large increase in airconditioning systems shutting down and a couple of airconditioning fires.

The RSL clubs remote control car track opens 14.12.14. They have reused a bowling green to develop a new interest in town. Council's new skate park opens for use 18 December 2015 with great interest.

COONAMBLE

(i) Economic Development:

□ **Drought** – feedback from business on current impact of drought in our Shire. Submission to the Inquiry into the Establishment of the Australia Fund re multi-peril insurance. Submission to Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper.

□ **Air Services** – responding to inquiry re potential ‘air taxi’ model of service. Seeking access to information gathered as part of State Government Assessment into Orana Region Air Services.

□ **Renewable Energy** – Clean Energy Forum on 12th November with 45 attendees. Subsequent partnerships to deliver: Energy Management Basics Workshop through Coonamble Chamber of Commerce; Energy Efficiency Audits for low income households; application for funding for feasibility study/business case for Community Renewable Energy Project.

□ **Eco Spa & Caravan Park** – change of government process mid-stream in Council’s acquisition of the Smith Park Reserve, requiring submission of EOI to Crown Lands through eTender NSW. Recent proposal for a second site for caravan park/campground + bore baths.

□ **Abattoir** – reaching final stages of approval.

□ **Aircraft Engineering Facility at Coonamble Airport** – outcome pending of application for Community Building Partnerships funding for shed.

□ **Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station** – years of negotiating/waiting between local business and RMS may soon be finalised.

□ **Empty Government Premises** – chasing Ambulance NSW and DPI to determine status of and push for sale or lease of unoccupied commercial premises with highway frontage. Ambulance site has been vacant since 2010!!

□ **Small Business Commission** – visit by Small Business Bus. Small Business Friendly Councils program.

□ **Employment Circle** – received Workforce Capacity Report. Not what was expected. Looking for initiatives that can be implemented locally.

□ **Community Building Partnership Program** – funding received for the Coonamble aircraft maintenance facility.

DUBBO

(i) Attraction and Investment:

□ The Evocities Program: - Council responded to 27 new resident enquiries - welcomed 11 new resident cases (headcount of 20 people) - 402 total cases are still considering their move to Dubbo - 92 positions uploaded to the Dubbo-Jobs website - 4,015 website visits - 2 new employers registered on the Dubbo-Jobs website to manage their recruitment through the site.

□ 47 total New Resident Packs were sent out, which included the Branch supporting the University of Sydney’s Medical Students on placement in the city.

□ 38 tailored New Resident/Visitor Packs were provided to Sydney University Geography Students who were engaged to undertake workforce planning face to face research that will support development of a Dubbo Skills Development Program

□ Dubbo provided a media case study for the Property Observer; this story had the potential reach of 436,013.

□ Social Media: the EDB @InvestInDubbo Twitter account recorded the following stats: - 224 followers (up 9) - Greatest engagement was regarding Council seeking public opinion as it considers its official position on Coal Seam Gas; regional relocation grant; and Council seeking feedback on Planning Proposal concerning the former RAAF Base - Most popular link was to a Council media release regarding Council seeking public opinion as it considers its official position on Coal Seam Gas.

□ GROW in Dubbo (City Development Newsletter) has attracted 9 new subscribers (total 104)

□ Provided assistance to business:

- marketing agency business looking to establish in City
- retail business looking to marketing locally manufactured produce in Sydney
- retail store looking to establish new designer clothes store in CBD

□ Provided ongoing assistance to: - potential developer (retail, and accommodation and food services) interested in CBD locations

- recreation business (helped secure trial venue, with business to begin operations trial in December, continuing support in assistance to locate potential permanent venue) - potential investor (retail) interested in the Dubbo CBD - potential business investor (transport) interested in Dubbo and other regional and metropolitan locations
- mining services provider looking into accommodation capacity and infrastructure capabilities for the City.

-coordinated pre-lodgement meeting for Macquarie Homestay

□ Investment DVD – promoting reasons to do business and invest in Dubbo includes key industry representatives advocating the benefits of Dubbo business and investment opportunities.– completed

□ Developing 19 industry profiles and overview of Dubbo's economic profile. Six industry profiles completed (Construction; Retail Trade; Wholesale Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services; Transport, Postal and Warehousing)

(ii) Retention and Expansion:

□ Liaised with Council staff and NSW Trade and Investment regarding potential grant applications, including Restart NSW Water Security for the Regions

□ Compiled summary documents for functions applying for Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program.

□ Proactively engaged with two new business (retail) to welcome, congratulate and provide them with information about the services available from the City Development Branch.

☐ Attended Chamber of Commerce Rhino Finalist Award finalists and Alex McCrindle research breakfast presentation.

(iii) Workforce Development:

☐ Maintained and promoted Business Training and Events Calendar on investindubbo.com.au. Monthly emails sent to 52 business training and event stakeholders with opportunity to promote their event for free.

-17 events added - 102 page views

☐ Engaged University of Sydney to interview 35 local businesses regarding opportunities for Industry expansion via phase two of skills development research. Attended presentation of preliminary findings of interviews. Final report is in development.

(iv) Infrastructure Development:

☐ Provided economic modelling data for functions applying for Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program.

(v) Tourism Development:

☐ Coordinated THSA visit to undertake the Investor-Ready Prospectus for Accommodation Operators in Central Inland as an outcome of the Destination Management Plan. Dubbo remains Project Manager and driver and participating LGA's include Dubbo, Narromine, Coonamble, Warrumbungle and Gilgandra.

☐ Attended official opening of the Savannah Cabins at Taronga Western Plains Zoo

(vi) City Promotions - City Development Partnership Program (CDPP):

CDPP – Visitor Attraction

Partnership to the ***City Development Partnership Program – Visitor Attraction***, has now closed. 105 Dubbo businesses have invested in the program and will feature in the Dubbo Visitors Guide which is the first deliverable under the program.

The Guide is currently in production and will be in market in December. The accommodation sector continues to be a strong supporter of visitor attraction with the hotel industry (eating out) emerging as a new supporter (refer graph below).

The next edition of the Dubbo Visitors Guide includes a new feature, "Great Western Plains" which focuses on the region as a visitor destination. Five (5) local government areas have invested in the Guide: Gilgandra, Warren, Warrumbungles, Coonamble and Narromine.

The Great Western Plains Guide will include feature each destination in our region and showcase themes across the destination's footprint such as: the great outdoors, great big skies and arts and culture.

In response to consumer demand, the Guide will also feature a packages section with a range of packages from Dubbo and region developed to incentivise travel and drive visitation to the region.

(vii) CDPP – New Resident Attraction

Investment in the City's new attraction activities is currently open and closes on 10 October. Benefits under the program include advertising in the New Resident Guide, attendance at new resident nights and brand promotion as part of the City flag campaign. This is a great opportunity for professional services, real estate agents, financial institutions and business such as tradespeople and hairdressers to connect with this market.

(viii) CDPP – Event Attraction

Businesses that supply to the events industry have an opportunity to leverage from the City's event attraction activities by investing in the program. Benefits include an advertisement in the Dubbo Events Guide and promotion via video and on-line activity. Businesses have up until 10 October to participate.

(ix) City Flag Campaign

The DREAM Festival partnered with the Branch in the City's CBD Campaign. The next round of flags will be themed for Christmas prior to the roll-out of the new program and a benefit under the City Development Partnership

(x) CBD Christmas promotions:

Council has been approached by management team of Myers to partner with them to increase the presence of Christmas in the CBD. The project is yet to be scoped however initial discussions includes increase physical promotion of Xmas in central CBD area (increased decorations) and initiatives that would encourage and reward CBD customers. The program will be developed in partnership with Myers, and there will be opportunity for other CBD businesses to participate in some components.

Funding of for the activity will come from Economic development projects. At this stage industry contribution is expected by way of participation in activity and sponsorship/donation. Whilst this activity will support activity the CBD, it is a partnership being sought by Myers for the benefit of the broader CBD. The approach should not be viewed a precedent for the yet to be adopted commercial areas strategy.

(xi) Online Promotions and communications:

Social Media - Five (5) corporate social media platforms were utilised throughout September 2014 to communicate positive messages about Dubbo and the region targeting (4) key markets:

(xii) Visitor attraction – targeted via posts promoting Dubbo as quality visitor destination.

- Special Spring school holiday activities
- The Rhino Adventure; deals, discounts and adventures available across the region
- Taronga Western Plains Zoo; birth of a baby rhino

(xiii) Investment attraction – targeted via posts promoting Dubbo as a progressive City with progressive growth opportunities.

- Over \$150M to be spent on Dubbo's new housing projects over the next 20 years.
- \$5.7 Barden Park Centre of Excellence for Athletics excites sport and event organizers

(xiv) Resident attraction – targeted via posts surrounding positive local news stories that encourage pride in the City and the values of living in Dubbo

- Dubbo born ballerina becomes first Aboriginal dancer to join the Australian Ballet
- Video of new gateway sign installation
- Prime Possum visits Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- Opening of ALDI sees Dubbo locals excited to fill their trolleys

(xv) Event attraction – promoting events in Dubbo and the benefits of holding an event in the City.

- Weekly posts promoting local upcoming events to residents and visitors
- Funding for Council's Event Support and Development Program opens
- Outstanding success of the *Dubbo Stampede* with over 3000 participants
- Promotion of Old Dubbo Gaol's September event, *Movie Stars Behind Bars*

<i>Social Media</i>	<i>Profile</i>	<i>Likes/Followers</i>	<i>Increase from last month</i>
Facebook	<i>Dubbo City</i>	1183	34
Twitter	<i>Dubbo City</i>	1076	38
Facebook	<i>Visit Dubbo</i>	1385	6
Twitter	<i>Visit Dubbo</i>	630	11
Instagram	<i>Dubbo City</i>	514	28

18. SALEYARS REPORT
FOR COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015

18.1 SALES

CATTLE:

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
31/01/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	27	58.90
16/01/15	Fat Sale	955	1439.66	0	0.00	955	1439.66

TOTALS:	Scale	955 head	\$ 1439.66				
	VA	0 head	\$ 0.00				
	Private Weigh	27 head	\$ 58.90				
	NLIS Tag Income	0 head	\$ 0.00				
	Preg Testing Income	0 head	\$ 0.00				\$1,498.56

18.2 SALEYARD ACTIVITIES

N/A

18.3 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2014 – 31/01/2015

Saleyards Operations:	Income	\$55,208.70
	Expenditure	\$76,326.18
	Deficit	\$21,117.48

Truckwash :

Income	\$10,675.71
Expenditure	\$ 7,335.99
Surplus	\$ 3,339.72

Summary:

Income	\$65,884.41
Expenditure	\$83,662.17
Deficit	\$17,777.76

Saleyard Reserves:	Balance 01/07/13	\$ 59,884.26
	Balance 01/07/14	\$ 37,375.84
	Operational result to date	\$ 17,777.76
	Projected 30/06/15 Reserve Balance Deficit	\$115,037.86

Recommendation:

That Council note the information in the report.

BRUCE QUARMBY

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19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
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20. GENERAL BUSINESS
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