

6 May 2015

The next meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Coonamble on Wednesday 13 May 2015 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully
RICK WARREN
General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015**

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL, 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.02 A.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 and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no person present at public question time.

4.0 APOLOGIES

1387 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that an apology for non-attendance be received from Cr Walker.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No deputations or delegations were booked for the meeting.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1388 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 11 March 2015 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Ordinary Minutes:

(i) Stockman's Challenge Event

Cr Keady referred to the Stockman's Challenge which was held at Coonamble Showground on 21 & 22 March and said the Committee was very happy with the outcome, being the inaugural running of the event. He indicated that Andrew Shearer may be attending the meeting later in the day to thank Council for its support.

(ii) Coonamble Aero Club

Cr Burnheim asked whether the Aero Club has commenced works at the Aerodrome – the General Manager said no documentation has been received by Council.

Cr Burnheim said the Club should commence its project ASAP, being aware of the date grant funding has to be expended. The Mayor referred to the item in the Economic Development Manager's report concerning the Club's activities.

(iii) Subsidised De-sexing Program – Companion Animals

Cr Keady referred to this project and enquired whether the stipulation was made that eligible pet owners would be those who hold a current pensioner entitlement or health care card. The General Manager said this was the case, as resolved at the March meeting.

Cr Keady asked whether Council may change this condition and make the subsidised program available to everyone, however the meeting felt that no change should be made at this stage. The General Manager said when the account for the April portion of the scheme is received from NorthWest Vets, Council will be in a position to determine whether changes need to be made for the October program.

(iv) Pumping of Water from Castlereagh River

Cr Schieb referred to the response received in connection with this matter, which advised the NSW Office of Water has lodged a compliance breach report to investigate concerns which may be in breach of the Water Sharing Plan. Cr Schieb said that Council should write to the new Minister for Water, the Hon Niall Blair MLC, to keep pressure on the Office of Water to finalise its investigations.

Cr Burnheim suggested that Council should seek the feelings of the Minister as to the feasibility of having a weir in the Castlereagh River at Coonamble. He said this would be a backup for the water supply and would be aesthetically pleasing and provide a recreational facility

1389 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council examine the feasibility of a weir in the Castlereagh River at Coonamble and seek comment from the Minister as to whether it would be a project for consideration by his department.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1390 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising from Resolution Book

(i) **Fit for the Future** – The Mayor informed the meeting that he intends going to Sydney to attend a Fit for the Future workshop. He said that should other councillors wish to attend further workshops, they should advise.

Stockman's Challenge

At this juncture, 9.25 a.m., Andrew Shearer was received to the meeting to thank Council for its support and seed funding for the inaugural Stockman's Challenge in Coonamble. He specially thanked Council staff for the work they did in preparation of the ground. Mr Shearer said the Committee is keen to run the event next year and the tentative dates are 19 & 20 March, depending on whether these are acceptable to the affiliated organisations. He said it is pleasing that already the Committee has been offered sponsorships for 2016 and all comments from participants have been positive.

The Mayor thanked Mr Shearer for attending the meeting to update Council – Mr Shearer left the meeting at 9.30 a.m.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

9.1 Planning Workshop – RDA ORANA

The Mayor said that Roads, Water and Communication were the main issues addressed at the forum he attended in Dubbo during March. He said the workshop forms part of the Infrastructure Master Plan Study for the Orana and Far West Regions which is currently being developed and which will form part of the submission from ORANA.

The meeting noted that a letter will be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce, advising him in detail the condition of the district as a direct result of the ongoing drought.

Cr Karanouh advised the meeting that he recently met with the Salvation Army Chaplin who will be visiting the area with a team and has undertaken the painting of Quambone Hall.

9.2 Heating of 25m Swimming Pool

The Mayor said he would like to start the process to have the 25 metre pool heated so that it can be used all year round and would like to have details of costing.

Cr Keady asked the 'ball park' figure to have the whole pool complex refurbished – the Director of Corporate & Urban Services said this cost, along with costings for other options, was included in the report submitted to Council some time ago – Mr Quarmby said, from memory, the cost was in the vicinity of \$2m. The General Manager said he would bring a report back to Council, including the potential for redevelopment of the complex, to have 'shovel

ready' should funding be made available and the heating of the 25 metre pool would be incorporated into the concept.

1390 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that a report be prepared for Council's consideration, detailing the cost and practicability of undertaking heating of the 25 metre pool at the Coonamble Swimming Complex.

9.3 State Government Elections

Councillors noted that letters of congratulations were forwarded to Mr. Humphries, Member for Barwon and Mr Grant, Member for Dubbo, following their re-election.

1391 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Karanouh that the information contained in his Mayoral Report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1392 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 ROBBO'S CONSTRUCTION & EARTHWORKS G1(44938)

Council noted that the current contractor has sought an extension of his contract, however the present contract does not have an option period. Council does have the right to extend the contract at a mutually agreed price upon written application by the contractor.

The Director of Engineering Services stated that he is looking at combining waste collection and recycling and will prepare a tender document to engage a consultant - this will be available at the May meeting.

1393 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that this matter be deferred until a report is brought back to Council for further consideration and a consultant appointed so that Council can be guided in the process of reviewing its waste collection contract.

10.2 GULARGAMBONE CENTRAL SCHOOL D7(45035)

The School has advised that it has been implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and the PBL team is seeking a donation to provide prizes for students. Council also noted that education is the responsibility of the State Government. It is also aware of the impact of cost shifting by the State Government and to undertake such activity is equivalent to exercising a voluntary cost-shifting arrangement.

1393 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council decline to provide financial assistance to the Gulargambone Central School for its Positive Behaviour Learning Program.

10.3 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE D7(45036)

Asking Council to consider a donation of \$10,000 to complete the purchase and installation of air conditioning in the Hall. Council noted the Committee currently has \$14,000 towards the project.

1394 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council consider this request in conjunction with its consideration of the 2015/2016 budget process and that the Committee be requested to provide Council with a plan detailing how it will proceed with this project, should funding be made available.

10.4 RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA D7(45067)

The meeting noted that Council has written to the RSL several times in the past year offering assistance with celebrations for the Centenary of ANZAC. The League has advised it would like to celebrate the Centenary by commemorating the contribution made by Diggers from Coonamble who served during WW1 by placing their names on pieces of parchment paper and place around the stem of a poppy. Seeking a donation of \$6,000 from Council to purchase the poppies.

1395 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Webb that Council agree to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase poppies to commemorate the contribution made by Diggers from Coonamble who served during WW1 as a way of celebrating the Centenary of ANZAC – noting funds will be sourced from the donations vote.

10.5 COONAMBLE HACK AND PONY CLUB INC D7(45096)

Advising the Club is hosting the NSW State Sporting & Campdraft Championships at the Coonamble Showground on Saturday & Sunday 11 & 12 April 2015. Asking if Council would consider waiving the hiring charge for the ground.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the cost of hiring the Showground and the Pavilion is:

- \$193/day Hire of ground
- \$400 Security deposit
- \$478/day Hire of pavilion

1396 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Webb that Council inform the Coonamble Hack & Pony Club that it is unable to waive fees payable for the hire of the showground and pavilion for its event on 11 & 12 April 2015. **Carried: 4 votes/2 votes**

Crs Burnheim and Keady requested that their names be recorded as voting against this resolution.

Section B – For Council's Information:**10.6 MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT G1-5(45000)**

Advising that the NSW Environmental Trust has approved a grant of \$31,601 to Council for its project *NetWaste Region – Coonamble Community Recycling Centre* under the Improved Systems for Household Problem Wastes – Community Recycling Centres Grants Program. Congratulating Council on its successful application.

10.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NSW RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY I6(45045)

Referring to the Mayor's letter regarding funding through the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate (EWIR) for primary producers to increase available water for livestock and secure water into the future. Stating that the one-in-50-year rainfall deficiency criteria allows a consistent, transparent and accountable system of drought assistance to be made available to producers in NSW.

10.8 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT D5-22(45057)

Advising that the Minister has reappointed all State members and alternates of the Joint Regional Planning Panels for a further period of 12 months up to 31 December 2015. Thanking Council for its ongoing cooperation with and support for regional panels.

10.9 NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY G1(45060)

Advising the EPA has released the draft Solid Waste Landfill Guidelines (2015) for consultation. Saying the new guidelines set modern and robust parameters to ensure that landfills operating in NSW are managed in ways that minimise any risks to the environment and local communities. Seeking feedback from industry, landfill managers and the community – the draft strategy is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/landfill-sites.htm Written submissions will be accepted until 30 June 2015.

10.10 NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY G1(45059)

Releasing *Changing Behaviour Together, the Draft Waste Less, Recycle More Education Strategy 2015-17* (the draft Strategy) for community consultation and inviting feedback. Encouraging members of the community, industry and Government to take the time to read the draft Strategy and provide comments. Saying the draft Strategy is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastestrategy/education.htm - written submissions will be accepted until 29 May 2015.

10.11 FIRE & RESCUE NSW B13(45074)

Advising that as part of Fire & Rescue NSW's restructure, the role of Regional Fire Safety Coordinator has been established on a trial basis. Stating the role will provide a liaison point between local Fire Commands and the specialist fire safety business units and this will ensure consistent prioritised service delivery across the State

10.12 PRESIDENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10

Correspondence to Mayors, Councillors and General Managers touching on the following issues:

- Election priorities
- Greater Sydney Commission
- Council Visits
- Office of Local Government – appointment of new CE

A copy of this correspondence was included with each Councillor's business paper.

10.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2(45116)

Inviting Council representatives to attend its Regional Collaboration and Shared Services: What Works? Roundtable in Sydney on 29 and 30 April, 2015. Pointing out that the Roundtable will be particularly helpful to those mayors, councillors and senior managers who are involved in current discussions regarding pilot Joint Organisations or other options for stronger regional collaboration and shared services.

1397 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.6 to 10.13 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1398 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following item be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

10.14 COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL

The Director of Community Services advised the meeting that at the Youth Forum held at Gulargambone in November 2014, the issues facing young people were discussed, as well as ways to address those issues. The Director reported that the young people are asking Council to consider expanding its youth program in Gulargambone to operate each school day afternoon from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. so that young people will have "more things to do in town".

It was pointed out that the young people would like to see both structured and unstructured activities and would work with Council staff to start an afternoon sporting competition at the centre – eg touch footy, netball. The Director pointed out that any extension of the service requires adult support – she provided the costs of full-time and part-time extensions. Ms Tasker also stated that the Youth Council has also written to other organisations seeking alternate options.

The General Manager informed the meeting that government agencies are just not providing these services – he said that Council owns the hall and land at Gulargambone from which the service is provided.

A MOTION

PROPOSED by Cr Cullen **SECONDED** by Cr Schieb that Council not agree to expand the youth program in Gulargambone to operate each school day afternoon and the Coonamble Shire Youth Council be advised accordingly. *Lost 2 votes/4 votes*

1399 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council consider as part of the 2015/2016 estimates providing a part-time operation for after school activities in Gulargambone, ie 3 days/week = 18 staff hours x 38 weeks at a cost of \$17,100, provide a report on what other providers are available and extend the provision of the service to Quambone as well at Gulargambone. *Carried 4 votes/2 votes*

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1400 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1401 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council note Complying Development Certificate Nos 003/2015 & 006/2015 was approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY

1402 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council formally adopt the Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy, noting it has been on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period and no submission or comment was received.

11.3 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

The General Manager reported that Council, at its meeting of 11 February 2015, resolved to complete Template 2 – Council Improvement Proposal for an Existing Structure, rather than Template 3 for a Rural Council, due to the uncertainty surrounding any future model for a rural council.

However the General Manager pointed out that later advice from the OLG indicated there would be no categories of councils under NSW legislation, numbers of councillors and frequency of meetings would be at the discretion of individual councils. He said it is interesting to note that the final template for completion by councils has not been determined to date nor has the independent panel.

Council noted that Templates 2 and 3 are similar, however Template 3 does not have to demonstrate scale and capacity – the General Manager said the best course of action is to adopt Template 3, as the assessment process will not be as hard and given the change in the position of OLG, it would now be to Council's advantage to complete Template 3.

1403 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council alter its Motion No 1302 of 11 February 2015 to read:

“That Council submit an Improvement Proposal – Template 3 – under its existing function and structure to the OLG by 30 June 2015”.

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1404 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that Council note the information contained in this report.

At this juncture, the Economic Development Manager was present at the meeting to speak to the following report.

11.5 INVESTMENT ATTRACTION FOR RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK & ARTESIAN ECO SPA

The EDM said Council is now at the stage to market the development and to meet all probity and legislative requirements it requires assistance and, in that regard, Local Government Procurement has advised it will guide Council through the process and has quoted an amount of \$10,950 for consultancy services.

The Manager advised Council cannot call expressions of interest due to the length of the lease, which should be 25 years – 30 years in duration. In response to a question Mrs O'Connor advised that it was previously agreed to accept staged development and this would be monitored by Council, as would any lease arrangement. She said that to encourage developers Council should commit to tourism activities, eg tourism officer, and undertake regional marketing, with at least one advertisement in a national newspaper. Council noted that other advertising options would be with peak bodies, prospectus sent directly to possible investors and a media launch.

It is necessary to call tenders for a consultant to draw up the lease document and work with Council. The EDM reported that it is estimated \$30,000 will be required to cover costs involved with marketing the opportunity and securing a lease document.

At this juncture, the Economic Development Manager left the meeting.

1404 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that Council allocate \$30,000 from its Development Fund to market the development opportunity for the Riverside Caravan Park & Artesian Eco Spa Facility.

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.00 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1405 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

Councillors noted that information technology at the Library will be updated with funding under the Public Libraries Infrastructure Fund – Council having been successful with its application for an amount of \$31,945.

1406 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1407 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1408 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 March 2015 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1409 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the list of investments as 31 March 2015 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 PROPOSED FEES & CHARGES

The draft fees and charges for 2015/2016, prepared by staff, were submitted to the meeting. The Director advised that, where appropriate, the increase from the previous year was 2.3%.

A question was asked as to whether Council could increase its charge for quarry product by an additional 1%. The Director of Engineering Services said that any further increase would not be a competitive price and Council could lose 50% of its sales, taking into account prices charged at Gilgandra and Coonabarabran.

The General Manager explained the process with putting the fees and charges on public exhibition for an extended period, saying it gives the public a better opportunity to make submission and/or comment before the fees and charges are adopted at the June meeting.

1410 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council note the proposed fees and charges for the financial year 2015/2016 and place them on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period in conjunction with the budget process for next year.

13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1411 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the works in progress update be noted.

In response to a question, the Director said that overall the pools finished the season within budget, noting that an additional \$15,000 was allocated for the extended operating hours (ie school holiday period). The General Manager advised the budget review for the March quarter would be presented to the May meeting.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1412 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Director provided updates on various works, which included:

- RMS Highway Contract – Newel Highway – completed – all product delivered to site.
- RMS Highway Contract – Castlereagh Highway – 10% complete.
- Levee – realignment completed – in process of establishing a walk way along the top of the levee – quarry dust will be placed.

1413 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the engineering services works in progress update be noted.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1414 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2015

1415 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report provided by the Ranger for the month of March 2015 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1416 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that reports from various committees be received and dealt with.

16.1 Meeting of CSC Youth Council – 2 March 2015

16.2 Meeting of CSC Youth Council – 24 March 2015

16.3 Meeting of Coonamble Employment – 24 March 2015

1417 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the minutes of the above three meetings be noted.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

1418 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Cullen that the Saleyards report be received and dealt with.

17.1 Cattle Sales

1419 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the information be noted.

17.2 Saleyards Account – 1/7/2014 – 31/3/2015

1420 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Cullen that the information be noted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

1421 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council resolve into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A:

“2(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors”.

1422 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

1423 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED SESSION

1424 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation No.18.1, as set out below, be adopted:

18.1 Performance Review – General Manager

*That Council agrees to engage Gordon and Co Pty Ltd to carry out the performance review of the General Manager, which includes a workshop with Council on the process, facilitation of the review and report to Council **and further** that the whole Council be included on the review panel.*

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- Dangerous power poles in Warrena Lane – the General Manager said he has instructed that the poles be painted making them more visible to motorists.
- Requested that a letter be written to the NSW Premier suggesting that a review of government departments be undertaken, giving as an example duplication and multi agency approval for the dredging of the weir and the approval of the abattoir.

Cr Burnheim:

1425 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that a letter be written to the NSW Premier, in the above terms, and giving a specific example of the ongoing process to obtain a permit to dredge the weir, noting that Council is dealing with several state government agencies.

Cr Keady:

- Weather forecast equipment – Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) - at Coonamble Aerodrome – write through Mr Kevin Humphries regarding this equipment and the process of reading, noting that previously it was recorded by a postal employee.

General Manager:

- Reporting that the Rodeo Committee has not made contact with Council regarding preparations for the 2016 event in June. Mr Warren said Council was agreeable to carry out works as per previous years, however no specific requests have been received. He said funds for the provision of additional toilets have been included in the budget. It was agreed to write to the Committee inviting its input.
- Referred to the very good result in rates and water charges collection due to Council following a debt collection process where arrangements are not made.
- Survey results – the GM presented to Council the results of the survey recently sent to residents – the majority want Council to ‘stand alone’ and are happy with Council’s decision for *fit for the future*.
- Reported that his Council phone was stolen – making arrangements to have it replaced – receiving calls on his private mobile in the interim.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

Pages (1/5643 to 14/5656) were confirmed on the THIRTEENTH day of MAY 2015 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 APRIL 2015.

MAYOR

8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 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:

EDM working with Local Government Procurement to organise tender process.

HEATING OF 25M SWIMMING POOL

1390 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that a report be prepared for Council's consideration, detailing the cost and practicability of undertaking heating of the 25 metre pool at the Coonamble Swimming Complex.

Status:

Awaiting external report.

8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED

Nil

9. MAYORAL REPORT **COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015**

9.1 MAYORS' WEEKEND SEMINAR

Over the weekend of 2 & 3 May, I attended a seminar for Mayors conducted by Local Government NSW (LGNSW).

The seminar covered a range of topics, including the vital role played by the Mayor and the direction the position may take following the introduction of the new Local Government Act next year and issues faced by rural mayors.

Also covered was the *Fit for the Future* agenda, facilitated by Graham Sanson and Glen Inglis – both members of the Independent Local Government Review Panel addressing Local Government Reform.

The program was worthwhile and mayors were able to discuss issues of concern to their communities at this forum.

9.2 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

On Friday 1 May, in company with the General Manager, I attended the OROC Board meeting at Warren.

One particular item worth mentioning is the negotiation for contestable sites and street lighting energy use. The process was conducted on behalf of OROC councils by Energy and Management Services. Following their recommendation, the OROC Board endorsed the offer from Momentum Energy and contracts have been signed with this organisation for energy supply for the next three years. These contracts have resulted in considerable energy savings for this Council.

9.3 ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Representing Council, I attended the ANZAC Day Service and placed a wreath at the Cenotaph to honour those who have served their country in war.

I was delighted with the turnout at the main ANZAC Service which, this year, commemorated the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. In particular, the number of young people showing their support is commendable and appreciation should be conveyed to all schools within the Shire for their contribution.

The contribution Council provided to the Returned Services League was put to good use in the purchase of the 600 or so poppies on display, each one tagged with the name of a person who enlisted to fight in WW1 from the Coonamble district. I would like to acknowledge the effort and commitment of the RSL and the dedication of those who arranged for the poppies to be on display at the War Memorial.

Recommendation:
That Councillors note the information in my report.

Ahmad (Allan) Karanouh
Mayor
5 May 2015

10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

10.1 OUTBACK ARTS D7(45153)

Advising that Outback Arts plan to again host the annual exhibition *The Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines*. Saying the exhibition aims to foster and promote local artistic talent in the areas of photography, painting and sculpture and inviting Council to become a sponsor. Pointing out that the exhibition has been held for the past 4 years and the dates for 2015 are September 7 to October 2 – formal opening and announcement of winners on September 11.

Saying Council's sponsorship would be used to provide prize money for winners in all sections, which include 2D (painting, etching, sketching, etc), photography and 3D (sculpture and ceramics) as well as the Most Outstanding Indigenous Artist & People's Choice Award.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council already provides approximately \$12,000 rental assistance and \$9,000 contribution to Outback Arts annually).

**Recommendation:
For Council's determination**

**10.2 GULARGAMBONE ROVERS SPORTING CLUB
D7(45242)**

Presenting Council with the opportunity to take up a sponsorship for the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout to be held in Dubbo over the October long weekend. Saying it has a team that can with the Knockout and sponsors will receive local, regional and national exposure. Pointing out other benefits include:

- Naming Rights of the Event
- Promotion of Council at the Event.

Advising that between 10,000 – 15,000- people from across NSW attend the event to witness some of the most entertaining rugby league players in action. Saying it has been held since 1971 and has attracted teams from all over NSW to become one of the largest rugby league tournaments ever.

Pointing out how Council can get involved:

- **Major Sponsor - \$5,000** - logo on jerseys, team shirt, team photo and national TV coverage on NITV. Saying the Knockout is broadcast live from Friday to Monday and will be advertised and promoted in Koori Mail (which is the National Indigenous newspaper).

- **Minor Sponsor - \$1,000** - name or logo on jumper and shorts and for a sponsorship of \$500 - name or logo on jumper or shorts.

Informing Council that the costs involved in putting a team into the event is costly, around \$15,000, taking into account the following expenses:

- Accommodation \$6,000 - \$8,000
- Entry Fees \$1,500
- Other Expenses \$2,000
- Players Shirts \$1,350
- Players Gear (jerseys, shorts, socks) \$3,500

Saying any support would be greatly appreciated.

NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council provided \$2,000 sponsorship last year).

Recommendation:
For Council's determination.

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2

Advising that, following the survey of rural and regional councils, a workshop will be held on Thursday 4 June 2015 in Sydney. Saying arrangements are still being made for a venue however, if possible, it will be held near Sydney airport, thus avoiding accommodation costs. Stating LGNSW will contact Council as soon as possible confirming details but, in the meantime, asking for a response to identify the top three or four issues Council would like discussed at the workshop.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The following have been supplied to Local Government NSW as issues of concern:

- Drought policy
- Health issues
- Impact of CSG and other mining
- Employment)

Recommendation:
That should Council wish to be represented at the workshop, it nominate a delegate(s) to attend.

10.4 COONAMBLE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW D7(45297)

Advising Coonamble Day Branch of CWA will be 90 years old in June and saying they wish to celebrate the important event. Seeking a donation from Council towards the cost of a luncheon in celebration of the achievement of 90 years of commitment to the Coonamble community, especially during WW11.

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

**10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW/AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(45295)**

Writing to the Mayor regarding the Commonwealth's decision to freeze indexation of its Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) which threatens to seriously compromise local government's ability to provide adequate levels of infrastructure and services. Pointing out these untied grants are currently valued at \$2.3 billion, but the Federal government has frozen them at 2014/2015 levels, leading to a permanent 13% reduction in the FAGs base.

Saying they need Council's help to maintain adequate funding for local roads, parks, swimming pools and libraries. Providing the following steps Councils can take:

- Pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of financial Assistance Grants;
- Acknowledge receipt of FAGs from the Commonwealth in media releases and council publications, including your annual report;
- Illustrate the importance and impact of the grants by identifying an individual project of a similar size to your annual or quarterly FAGs payment;
- Highlight this to the media and the local Federal member in a positive story on the grant funds.

Advising full details on FAGs payments for the current financial year are available at this website: <http://www.regional.gov.au/local/assistance>

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – the wording of the resolution was forwarded and is reproduced below:

Council resolution:

That the Council:

1. *acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;*
2. *acknowledges that the Council will receive \$3,529,553 in 2014/2015;*
3. *will ensure that this federal funding and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including annual reports)*

Recommendation:
That Council adopt the recommendation from Local Government NSW, being 1. 2 and 3 above.

10.6 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK D7

Inviting Council to consider participating in the Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme in 2015. Advising that if Council wishes to participate, the Network will invoice it for \$3,300 which will be provided to the medical student who will agree to spend two weeks of rural placement in the area.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has not participated in the Bush Bursary Scholarship Scheme for many years. Initially, when Council did participate no benefit was achieved for the community).

Recommendation:
That Council advise the NSW Rural Doctors Network that it will not be participating in the 2015 Bush Bursary / Country Women's Association Scholarship Scheme.

10.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(45313)

Referring to financial assistance grants to local government and saying these untied grants are a vital part of local government's revenue base, allowing the provision and maintenance of community infrastructure such as local roads, swimming pools and libraries. Referring to the Commonwealth Government's 2014 budget decision to freeze indexation which will result in a permanent base reduction of about 13% when the freeze ends.

Stating the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is writing to Mark Coulton drawing attention to the impact on the electorate and asking for strong support for the restoration of indexation of the grants and for the matter to be raised with the Treasurer.

Pointing out the 16 councils within the electorate of Parkes will receive combined FAG payments of \$76,838,553 from the Australian Government this financial year. Stating if all councils feel the full impact of the indexation freeze they could see an electorate-wide loss of up to \$29,967,030 by the time the freeze ends in 2017/2018.

Stating the impact on this Council could be just as significant – this financial year it will receive \$3,529,553 in FAG payments and it is important to note that the full impacts of the indexation freeze will not be felt until the final year. Urging Council to take up the issue with its local member to highlight the specific implications of the FAGs indexation freeze. Saying our Federal Member of Parliament needs to know the specific services and/or infrastructure that may be at risk as a result. Asking that a copy of Council's correspondence be forwarded to both LGNSW & ALGA.

Recommendation:

That Council write to the Local Member requesting that the freeze on Financial Assistance Grants indexation be removed.

**10.8 NATIONAL SALEYARDS QUALITY ASSURANCE INC
S1(45328)**

Advising that when nominations closed for the election of the 2014 – 2016 Committee there were only four nominations – thus the Committee has the prerogative to nominate a person to fill the vacancy until the next AGM. Saying to date approaches by the Committee have been unsuccessful and enquiring if members have any interest to join the NSQA Committee. Pointing out the Committee generally physically meets 3 or 4 times/year and members are reimbursed for their travel expenses. Saying expressions of interest should advise personal details of the person expressing the interest, experience in the industry and reasons why they seek appointment to the Committee – expressions of interest close on 25 May 2015, with the Committee scheduled to meet on Friday 19 June 2015.

Recommendation:

That if any Councillor is interested in nominating for appointment to the National Saleyards Quality Assurance (NSQA) Committee, Council support the nomination.

10.9 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7

Advising it will again be conducting its greyhound racing carnival over the October long weekend and requesting Council to agree to a \$2,500 sponsorship as in past years. Saying that Council's support and commitment is greatly appreciated and without sponsors such as Council, the carnival would not be successful. Pointing out that for its sponsorship, a race will carry the name of Coonamble Shire Council.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – In previous years Council has agreed to a sponsorship of \$2,500).

Recommendation:

For Council's determination.

Section B – For Council’s Information:**10.10 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
L10(45234)**

Referring to a query raised by Warrumbungle Shire Council in relation to the manner in which the advances of \$50,000 made in 2013/2014 by constituent councils were treated in CMCC 2013/2014 financial statements. Saying the matter has also been drawn to the attention of the Office of Local Government. Explaining that the amounts were shown as an advance of contributions and shown as revenue income, whereas in the various constituent councils accounts, the amounts were more correctly treated as a loan liability.

Pointing out that an adjustment is being made to the County Council’s 2014/2015 accounts under Note 20(c) - “Correction of Errors Referring to a Prior Accounting Period” to also show the amounts as loan liabilities. Advising that the sale of the Coonamble Depot is due for settlement in mid-April 2015 and the first repayment to constituent councils will be made as soon as it occurs.

**10.11 SYDNEY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION
D7(45250)**

In a letter to the Mayor, asking for Council’s support to raise vital funds for Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick through Gold Telethon to be broadcast live on Channel Nine on Monday 8 June 2015. Pointing out that more than 50% of the children who seek help through the emergency department and cared for in the ICU are from rural and regional NSW and they rely on the hospital for support.

Saying they are asking the community to dig deep and help in a number of ways – by calling 1800 CHILDREN to donate to Gold Telethon on 8 June; donate on line at www.goldtelethon.org.au at any time; host a Gold Fundraiser at their home, workplace or school.

Asking Council to spread the word about Gold Telethon 2015 through its networks, mention Council’s support in the Mayoral Column, website or social media and encourage the community to get behind the campaign through fundraising.

**10.12 MacKILLOP RURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES
L3(45248)**

Thanking Council for its donation of the Macdonald Park facility for its Family Fun Day on 10 April and its valued commitment to the community. Saying that without Council’s support, events such as these would not be available to our young people.

**10.13 NSW DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
P5(45299)**

Referring to a matter which Coonamble police referred to Youth Justice Conferencing in which Council was named as the victim in the offences. Informing Council that the young person failed to attend the conference on 23 March 2015 and the matter has been returned to the police for further proceedings.

10.14 OFFICE OF KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP A5(45314)

In response to Council's letter regarding terminal aerodrome forecasts - advising Mr Humphries is away, however enquiries have been made. Saying that the Bureau of Meteorology has advised it automatically receives rainfall results from the Coonamble Aerodrome and has confirmed the system is currently working. Further stating that enquiries were made with ABC Western Plains who advised it receives data from the BoM. Saying because there was limited staff working over Easter some of the broadcast ran from Tamworth and thinking that is the reason Coonamble's rainfall was missed on this occasion.

**10.15 COONAMBLE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF
AUSTRALIA D7**

Referring to Council's generous donation of \$6,000 to purchase 660 poppies so that the name of each soldier who enlisted from Coonamble for WW1 could be attached to a poppy. Saying the poppies were proudly on display at the Cenotaph on ANZAC Day and a lot of compliments have been received. Pointing out that without Council's assistance this would not have been possible and conveying sincere thanks.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
5 May 2015

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 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
9/2015	CSC	Council	Road Closure	Lots 51 & 68 DP754189	02/04/2015
10/2015	Eric Fisher	Taylor Made Buildings	Manufactured home	"Wilgara" Quambone	27/04/2015
13/2015	Ken Colwell	Owner	Subdivision of land	Pt "Binya" Coonamble	22/04/2015
15/2015	John Bennett	Gordon Irving	Subdivision of land	"Murrumbong" Gulargambone	22/04/2015

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
08/2015	Jarryd Rae	Owner	Swimming pool	"Wairoa" Coonamble	01/04/2015
11/2015	John Rodney	Owner	Timber cabin	10 Barton Street Coonamble	02/04/2015
12/2015	P & K Kennedy	Karen Kennedy	Disabled unisex toilets	16 Blueys Lane Coonamble	02/04/2015
18/2015	Sandra Rogers	Owner	Swimming pool	"Killarney" Coonamble	23/04/2015

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Applications 9/2015, 10/2015, 13/2015 & 15/2015, together with Complying Development Applications 08/2015, 11/2015, 12/2015 & 18/2015 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.

11.2 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY

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

L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent

L1.4.6 Review Council policies

Background:

In accordance with s2152 clause (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (*Payment of expenses and provision of facilities*) Council must, within five months after the end of each year, adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by and the provision of facilities to the mayor, the deputy mayor and other councillors in relation to discharging their functions of civic office.

Issues:

Under the Local Government Act, a council must not pay any expense incurred, or to be incurred, by or provide any facility to the mayor, deputy mayor (if there is one) or a councillor otherwise than in accordance with a policy under this section [s252(3)].

A council must give public notice of its intention to adopt a policy for payment of expenses or provision of facilities, allowing at least 28 days for the making of public submissions. Before adopting the policy Council must consider any submissions made during the display period and, if necessary, make any appropriate changes to the policy.

Within 28 days of adopting the policy Council must forward to the Director General:

- (a) a copy of the policy or amendment, together with all submissions received;
- (b) a statement setting out, for each submission, the council's response to the submission and Council's reasons for the response;
- (c) a copy of the notice pertaining to its intention to adopt a policy for the payment of expenses or provision of facilities to the mayor, deputy mayor and councillors.

A copy of the draft policy is included with the business paper at **APPENDIX A**.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- Section 252 of the Local Government Act
- Clause 403 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Financial Considerations:

Council has allowed \$113,990 in the 2015/2016 budget for Councillor facilities, inclusive of fees.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council place the draft policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting comment AND FURTHER that the policy be formally adopted at the June meeting taking into account any submissions received.

11.3 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following two notices need to be moved and seconded in accordance with normal meeting procedure.

Councillor Don Schieb has given notice that, at the meeting on 13TH May 2015, he will move the following:

1. *Boxthorn Eradication*

“That Coonamble Shire Council request the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council to undertake a boxthorn eradication program along the Castlereagh river”.

NOTE:

Recent inspections reveal areas of regrowth and fresh plant. To avoid heavy infestation of surrounding areas, an expanded eradication plan should be instigated to avoid devaluing of properties by such growth. Moree stock routes and Crown land areas have deteriorated to become a wasteland. Many Coonamble property owners have boxthorn control and neighbouring properties should be made to achieve the same standard.

The Castlereagh River has been used as an excuse not to take action. LLS is now being active on a similar program on stock routes. Mimosa Bush has become prevalent on our stock routes and this weed should be included in the eradication program.

2. *Parking – Caravans & Recreational Vehicles*

“That Council investigate the possibility of providing suitable locations throughout the Shire for overnight parking of caravans and recreational vehicles and further, that Council investigate the status and requirements to become a RV Friendly Town – similar to Moree and Forbes”.

NOTE:

As a Councillor I get many requests and complaints about lack of parking and locations where vehicles can park overnight or for a few nights without having to pay for a site at a caravan park. I believe that encouraging these people to stay in the town or district by providing suitable parking would contribute to the local economy.

(Signed: Don Schieb, Councillor)

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Author: *Council's Economic Development Manager, Lee O'Connor*

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Eco Spa + Caravan Park [EC2.1.7, I2.1.2]	Investment attraction: prepare tender.	Working through documentation with Local Government Procurement.
Support new and existing business [EC 2.1.2]	Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions: provide information, advocacy and referral.	Assistance provided to 2 existing businesses.
[L1.1.3]	Chamber of Commerce – no April meeting.	
[P1.3.3]	Business Awards – assist local business to enter Central West Orana Business Awards.	Gulargambone Caravan Park regional finalist in 2 categories. Coonamble Chamber of Commerce also regional finalise in Local Chamber category.
[EC 2.1.5]	Inquiries New Residents – respond to online inquiries from prospective residents.	
	Small Business Friendly Councils Program – survey of business.	Survey completed. 29 businesses surveyed by phone and online. Copy of survey results attached for Council's information.
	Passenger Air Services -	Violet Shores extending research phase another couple of months. NSW Government currently taking submissions for triangular route Walgett, Bourke, Dubbo.
	Aircraft Engineering Facility -	
	Business Training – 1. Energy Management Workshop – co-ordinate workshop & site visits with Office of Environment & Heritage.	1. Energy Management Workshops 5&6 May at Coonamble Bowling Club.
Green Power [I4.1.1]	Local Energy Audit, Pre-Feasibility & Business Case for community renewables project –	Pursuing assistance from various sources.

PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)	ACTIONS	PROGRESS/OUTCOMES
Employment Circle [EC2.1.4, EC3.3.1]]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convened Employment Circle meeting held 21 April. 2. Learner Driver Programs – 3. Workforce Planning & Development – liaise with agencies to develop Local Training Plan via business consultation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment Circle meeting notes attached. Next meeting Tues 19 May. 2. Birrang program completed. Drive Your Life (round 2) continuing. Due for completion end June. 3. Surveys underway via TAFE Western and Coonamble Chamber of Commerce.
Economic Development Committee [EC2.1.1]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting to be held Tues 12 May. Topic: Regional Infrastructure Planning and Orana Carbon Project. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guest speaker Felicity Taylor-Edwards, CEO, RDA Orana. All Councillors welcome to attend.
Advocacy [EC2.1.5]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Infrastructure Mapping – distributed information to local business and community stakeholders. 	<p>List of nominated projects attached.</p>
Orana EDO Network [P1.3.3] [EC3.4.5]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Relocation Project – source photographs and create text for website. 2. Country Week – no action this month. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website development underway. 2. 3. Country Week at Sydney Olympic Park 31 July to 2 August.
Promote Coonamble Shire as a Business & Lifestyle Destination	Review and reprint relevant documents including: Info for New Residents; Economic Snapshot; Investor Prospectus.	Underway.

Recommendation:

That the information contained in the Economic Development report be noted.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
5 May 2015

12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015**

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

Background:

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

Issues:

1. Community Development

1.1 Drug and Alcohol Forum

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P2.2.3 Work with community groups to develop local solutions to drug and alcohol related issues.

The Coonamble Shire Drug and Alcohol Forum took place on 29 April at the Coonamble Bowling Club. The Forum project management team consisted of staff from Council, Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and Uniting Care (forum co-ordinator). Hosted by Julie McCrossin the forum was attended by sixty people.

Part of a broader strategy, the forum aimed to gather views from targeted stakeholders. Participants represented a cross section of community groups, government and non government agencies and the business sector.

Speakers included local drug and alcohol worker, Robert Jones (Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service), Anthony Shakeshaft (Professor and Deputy Director National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre UNSW) and Emma Farag (Senior Project Officer, Drug and Alcohol Coordinator Unit NSW Police).

Focus group data will be collated and a report will be made to Council detailing participant responses. Generally, main issues arising from the focus group sessions involved the impacts of drug and alcohol on children and young people. Discussion also focused on the concern that crime statistics are not reflecting the reality of what is occurring in the community.

Priority solutions focussed on improving or providing services for children, young people and families, supporting community to report crime and developing a mechanism for capturing local accurate statistical data.

A post forum planning session will be held on the 17th June 2015 where the outcomes of the forum will be shared and priority solutions will be developed.

2. Public Art Policy

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – I2.1.4 Develop a Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy and Procedure.

Consultation for the Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy concluded during April. Fifty eight community members completed surveys. Two community focus group sessions were held attended by a total of five people. Four people completed an on-line survey.

Data collation is underway and a report will be provided to the June Council meeting.

3. Ageing Population Strategy

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – P4.2.3 Develop an Ageing Population Strategy for the Shire.

Consultation for Council's Positive Ageing Strategy continued during April with seventy nine individual surveys completed and meetings with the following stakeholders:

- CWA Coonamble
- Meals on Wheels
- Towri Units
- Koonambil Hostel
- Gulargambone Multipurpose Day Group
- Homecare
- Community Working party
- Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Coonamble Ladies Group
- Gulargambone Women's Group
- Coonamble Senior Citizen's Group

The strategy will outline Council's commitment to meeting the needs of older people and maximising the benefits of an ageing population.

4. Youth Week

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

Youth Week activities were facilitated between 10 – 17 April 2015 as follows:

- YWAM @ Gular – One hundred and fifty nine young people visited Gulargambone Youth Centre during the week. The Gilgandra “Youth with a Mission” youth team visited the Centre each day with a variety of games, activities and stories.
- Mackillop Family Rural Services hosted a Disco for under 18s. Approximately one hundred young people attended.
- Art workshop – twelve young people, and family members, gathered in the Coonamble Library for a drawing workshop.
- Forty people travelled by bus to the Dubbo Flip Out trampoline playground.
- Fifty young people and their families, enjoyed the movie *Big Hero 6* at Café two eight two eight’s outdoor cinema.
- Twenty nine young people created their own tie dye t-shirts at the Coonamble Library and thirty three people attended a clay making workshop, producing clay animals, bowls and ornaments.
- Fifty four young people visited Walgett for their tri-sports and fun day.
- Over 150 people enjoyed a BBQ cooked by the Lion’s Club, skate and scooter competition and demonstrations, talent quest, DJ competition and the Giyaali Police Youth Van at the MMAD @ Coonamble event at Smith Park.



Flip Out Trampoline Playground – Dubbo.



Tie Dye workshop – Coonamble Library.

5. 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 from 10am to 3pm for nine days during the reporting period. A total of two hundred and forty seven young people visited the service with an average of twenty seven young people per day. In addition, ten adults and pre-school children visited the service.

6. Sky Stories

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

Council, together with Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service and Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council, is supporting Coonamble Public School's Sky Stories event. The event is set to take place on 5 March and will involve cultural education about star constellations and Aboriginal dreaming. Council is contributing to the event by providing resources, equipment, promotion and staff.

7. 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

- Provision of baby change station in response to patron feedback
- Back yard space used during Youth Week to host two workshops –Tie Dye and Clay Sculpture
- Easter Egg Hunt held over the holiday period for pre-school aged children and their families
- Donated old large print books and talking books to Koonambil Aged Hostel
- Family History Society, Writers Group, Interact and Breakthru utilised library meeting rooms
- Fortnightly big screen movie nights continue

Library statistics:

Service	Total Issues	New Member -ships	WiFi	Internet	Total visits
Coonamble	1146↑	14↑	91↑	340↑	1162↑
Gulargambone	60↓	0↓			

Patron assistance	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History Enquiries
Coonamble	27↑	61↑	21↑

Coonamble activities – children and young people	Number
After School/ holiday Activities	528
Homework Help	6
Movie night	28
Storytime	22
Special events (Easter Egg Hunt)	32

8. 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.

Administration of the Regional Flagship Funding for the annual Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft on behalf of the Coonamble Rodeo Association. Liaison with Rodeo representative and pre-event marketing plan submitted according to funding guidelines. ‘

Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period – April 2015

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type*	Enquiry Details*
114	Retiree 65 Worker 21 Family 16 Backpacker 1 Phone 11	NSW 87 QLD 12 VIC 2 SA 7 WA 1 ACT 1 Overseas 4	Local 82 Regional 37	Directions 58 Attractions 42 Eateries 10 Toilets 12 Souvenirs 3 Accommodation 18

*Some visitors made multiple enquiries

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Library Act 1939

Financial Considerations: Nil

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

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

12.2 GULARGAMBONE YOUTH SERVICES

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- P4.2.1. Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people. 12.1.3 Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people.

Background:

At its March 2015 meeting Council received a request to extend the operating hours of the Gulargambone Holiday Program to include school afternoons. The request was made by the Coonamble Shire Youth Council.

Council subsequently requested a report addressing the appropriateness of Council providing this service. This report outlines contextual information, comparative data and current service provision in Gulargambone.

This report also responds to the request by Council to investigate the viability of a similar service in Quambone.

Issues:

1. Gulargambone

1.1 Contextual information

The question of whether it is appropriate for Council to provide a youth service was raised at the April Council meeting. The following information relates to the context in which Local Government operates.

a) The Local Government Act

Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 outlines Council's Charter. The listed points include:

“ to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively”.

“ to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children”.

b) Local Government NSW (formerly Local Government and Shires Association)

The extent to which Councils provide youth services vary. Local Government NSW Interim Policy Statements include the *Community Planning and Services* statements:

“The Charter emphasises that Local Government is a sphere of government with an essential and legitimate role in managing the local environment and in providing the variety of services that local residents require.

Local Government can choose to involve itself in the provision, management or operation of the following service functions (amongst others): community services; public health; cultural, educational and information services; public transport; sport, recreation and entertainment; and housing (Chapter 6 Local Government Act 1993 as amended).

Local Government has a long history in certain types of community service provision, predating or anticipating the present legal mandates, some elements of which can be traced back to the 19th century, some to the mid-20th Century and the balance to the 1970s”.

c) Council’s Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Youth service provision is supported by Council’s Delivery Program as follows:

I2.1.3. Support development of diverse cultural and recreational opportunities for children and young people eg: Skate Park at Gulargambone.

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

1.2 Comparative information

The most recent survey data from Local Government NSW is somewhat dated (2009). However, of the 152 NSW Councils the data indicates that there were 108 Council operated Out of School Hours services and 56 Council Youth Centre Services. This was an increase of 29.2% from the previous survey dated 1999.

A current comparison with other areas in the region shows that all listed communities have either a youth centre or Out of School Hours program. Of the ten Councils below, eight operate the service as a function of council and two are provided by external services.

✓ - Council operated o - Operated by other service

Council	Population	Youth Centre or Out of school hours program	School holiday programs	Library activities (after school)	Other youth services
Bland Shire	5865	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blayney Shire	7330	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bogan Shire	3003	o			✓
Gilgandra Shire	4700	✓	✓		✓
Lachlan Shire	6872	✓	✓		
Narromine	6585	✓	✓	✓	

Walgett Shire	6454	✓	✓	✓	✓
Warren Shire	2758	✓	✓	✓	✓
Warrumbungle Shire (Coonabarabran)	3175	✓	✓		✓
Wellington Shire	5200	o	✓		✓

1.3 Current youth service provision in Gulargambone

1.3.1 Council is currently operating a Holiday Program in Gulargambone, five days per week during school holiday periods, from 10am -3pm. This service is staffed by casual youth workers. The service has been successful since its commencement in July 2014 with visitation numbers between 20 and 39 young people per session. A small number of adults also visit the service with their pre-school children.

1.3.2 Gulargambone is currently serviced by Mackillop Rural Family Services with two programs –

Family Support Service.– working with families with children from 0-8 years (with a focus on 0 – 2 years). The program consists of supported playgroups twice weekly aiming to strengthen parenting skills and support the development, learning and well-being of children.

Reconnect Program – working with young people 12 – 18 years old who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This is a case management focused program supporting young people and their families.

1.3.3 Gulargambone Library. Homework help one day per week.

1.3.4 Murdi Paaki Youth and Family Support Service. Case management for young people aged 12 – 18 years and their families.

1.3.5 Castlereagh Family Support Worker - Mission Australia. Case management support service for families with children 0 – 12 years old.

Opportunities for development/ expansion of current external services-

- The Gulargambone Library does not have the space or resources to facilitate after school activities.
- The Mission Australia, MacKillop Family Support Service and Murdi Paaki programs are funded as case management programs and are not able to provide youth centre services.
- An avenue for expanding on current external services lies in a partnership with the Mackillop Reconnect Program. This service is currently undergoing a pilot program involving an after school session facilitated from the youth centre. If this program sustains, the service's funding restrictions will allow only one afternoon per week.

1.4 Expansion of the current holiday program

Identified need for service- The need for diversionary activities and access to positive role models has been consistently raised during community consultation in Gulargambone (2012 – 2015). Consultation has also taken place with young people during this time and, after the Gulargambone Youth Forum in 2014, the Coonamble Shire Youth Council requested an expanded youth centre program.

Venue- The Gulargambone Youth Hall is not ideal but has effectively served its purpose during holiday periods to date. An expansion of the service would require additional maintenance services in terms of lawn mowing.

Staffing- Council currently employs casual youth worker staff for the holiday program. Current staff members have indicated their availability for additional hours.

Costs-outlined in “Financial Considerations” section of this report.

2. Quambone

2.1 Current youth service provision in Quambone

There are no current services operating in Quambone for the target group. Pre school services visit once per fortnight (Mackillop Rural Community Services).

Opportunities for development/expansion of current external services-
No current services operating.

2.2 Provision of youth services in Quambone

Identified need for service – The desire for activities for children in Quambone has been previously raised by community members with a focus on providing playground equipment.

Council has previously provided a holiday program, in partnership with the Quambone Women’s Group. This involved a weekly activity session during the 2014 Christmas school holiday period. Council staff provided resources and facilitated an activity and community members provided supervision assistance. These sessions attracted an average of ten primary school aged children per session over a four week period.

Venue- Council has facilitated activity sessions from the Quambone Hall in the past and, while not ideal in terms of extreme weather, the venue is adequate.

Staffing – If Council were to provide a service in Quambone, recruitment for additional casual youth workers would need to occur.

Costs- outlined in “Financial Considerations” section of this report.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Financial Considerations:

Financial impacts of operating the service will be as follows –

Gulargambone service - operating week days 3pm - 5.30pm	Additional funding required per annum
1 day per week	Wages plus oncosts \$8152, resources \$1,000. Total \$9,152.
2 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$16,326, resources \$1,000. Total \$17,326.
3 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$24,472, resources \$1,000. Total \$25,472.
4 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$32,651, resources \$1,000. Total \$33,651.

Quambone service - operating week days 3pm – 5.30pm	Additional funding required per annum
1 day per week	Wages plus oncosts \$8152, resources \$500. Total \$8,652.
2 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$16,326, resources \$500. Total \$16,826.
3 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$24,472, resources \$500. Total \$24,972.
4 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$32,651, resources \$1,000. Total \$33,151.
5 days per week	Wages plus oncosts \$40,787, resources \$1,000. Total \$41,787.

Options:

1. Council provide a youth centre service at Gulargambone for between one and four days per week during school term.
2. Council not provide a youth centre service at Gulargambone during school term.
3. Council provide a youth centre service at Quambone for between one and five days per week during school term.
4. Council not provide a youth centre service at Quambone during school term.

Recommendation: For Council's determination.

LIANNE TASKER

Director of Community Services

4 May 2015

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

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections to 30/04/2015 compared to 30/04/2014:

	30/04/2015	30/04/2014
Arrears 30 th June previous year	777,517.49	791,468.50
Plus 2014/2015 Combined Levy	5,836,494.78	5,693,922.13
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,614,012.25	6,485,390.63
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(64,795.20)	(62,753.54)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(53,014.25)	(51,343.80)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,496,202.80	6,371,293.29
Less Collections	(4,815,887.41)	(4,544,613.08)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	1,680,315.39	1,826,680.21
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	1,680,315.39	1,826,680.21
Collection % of Total Receivable	74.13%	71.83%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	25.87%	28.17%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS –APRIL 2015

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 08/07/2015	2.95%	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 - 27/07/2015	2.85%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/07/2015	3.00%	90 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 - 03/07/2015	3.00%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 17/07/2015	2.80%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A-	Term Deposit - 25/05/2015	3.00%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 12/06/2015	3.00%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 17/07/2015	2.95%	91 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 15/06/2015	2.95%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 27/05/2015	3.00%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
ME Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 25/05/2015	3.00%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 15,500,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	10%	50%	1,500,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	32%	50%	5,000,000
St George	A1+	6%	50%	1,000,000
Bendigo Bank	A-	13%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	13%	35%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A1+	23%	35%	3,500,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				\$ 15,500,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	71%	100%	11,000,000
A1	13%	80%	2,000,000
A2	13%	60%	2,000,000
Unrated	3%	30%	500,000
			\$ 15,500,000
			General Fund Investments 9,351,545
			Sewerage Investment Fund 3,710,611
			Water Investment Fund 2,437,844
			\$ 15,500,000

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 30 April 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 WORKS IN PROGRESS**Urban Services:**

- Seasonal replanting of the main street garden beds, as well as gardens at the entrance to the Coonamble Cemetery has been carried out.
- Goal Post on the Coonamble Sportsground has been re-built and installed.
- Replacement of blown light bulbs at the Coonamble Sportsground has been organised. Council is waiting on Essential Energy to complete the works.
- At the time of writing this report the grant funded works for the refurbishment of the cricket nets at Coonamble sportsground are scheduled to commence in the beginning of May.
- Work on the installation of playground equipment at Quambone will commence 18/05/2015.

Vandalism Update:

- The current cost vandalism to Council facilities for the 2014/15 financial year is \$28,589.
- 07/04/2015 - Public Toilets at the rear of the RTC vandalised
- 16/04/2015 – Skate Park vandalised with minor damage.
- 27/04/2015 – McDonald Park toilets vandalised, new plants damaged in garden beds.

Pools:

- At the time of the writing of this report the survey and mapping of Coonamble Pool is due to be carried out the week ending the 08/05/2015.

Buildings:

- Repairs to automatic doors at Library have been carried out
- Building asset management plan reviewed as part of the 2015/16 estimates preparation process.

Recommendation:

That the information contained in this item be noted.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services

30 April 2015

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

(a) Plant/Workshop:

- Plant repairs completed on “as required” basis.
- Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed on “as required” basis.
- Truck and trailer tender advertised
- Plant disposal tender advertised

(b) Airport:

- Routine maintenance completed as required.
- Management Plan scheduled to be reviewed in the next month.
- Taxiway rehabilitation - patching completed.
- Taxiway rehabilitation - completed.
- Aircraft parking area upgrade – scheduled for September 2015.



Coonamble Aerodrome Taxiway

(c) Depot:

- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.

(d) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:

- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.

- Warrana St, Coonamble water supply pipework replacement commenced 9th February 2015. The existing AC main is being replaced with PWC pipework. The work includes AC main replacement and reconnection of the existing services. To date 70% of works has been completed.



Warrana St Coonamble

(e) Sewerage:

- Removal of sludge and sediments from the evaporation pond to completed.



Coonamble Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaporation Pond No1

- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.

(f) State Highway:

- Works Completed

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	Road Furniture Maintenance		

- Works Scheduled to Commence

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	B55 Castlereagh Hwy (SH18) - Culvert replacement south of Gulargambone	\$75,000.00	
2	Heavy patches B55 Castlereagh Hwy (SH18)	\$150,000.00	

(g) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:

- Works Completed.

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	Maintenance grading shire roads 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 51, 54, 79, 139, 153.		
2	SR129Q Quambone Rd – Heavy Patches		4 patches
3	SR4 Emby Road – Heavy Patches		4 patches
4	MR 7515 Warren Road – Ride over culverts		2 culverts
5	Bus Shelters		
6	Aerodrome – Facility Upgrade – Reseal (2 coat seal)		
7	SR1 Billeroy Rd – Reforming		2kms

- Works In Progress.

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	SR2 Tooraweenah Rd – Rehab (app. 2km)		
2	SR2 Tooraweenah Rd – Rehab (app. 15km)		
3	MR7515 Warren Road – Shoulder Widening		
4	SR2 Tooraweenah Rd – Shoulder Widening (app. 15km)		
5	SR2 Toorweenah Rd – Shoulder Widening (app. 17km)		

- Works Scheduled to Commence

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	Scheduled and preventative maintenance: potholes jet patching, weed spraying, mowing.		
2	MR129Q Quambone Road – Culvert replacement		
4	SR87 Box Ridge Road – Heavy Patch		
5	Munnell Street – Gulargambone – Rehab		
7	Aerodrome – Heavy Patch		
8	SR14 Quabathoo Rd Culverts		
9	SR2 Tooraweenah Rd Reseals		
10	SR4 Emby Rd Reseals (whole of road will be completed with reseal)		

(h) Levee:

- Under construction. Expected completion 30 May 2015. 89% of works completed on 01 May 2015. Completion date extended to include optional addition section of the levee between CH. 2550 to Ch2720
- Optional addition section of the levee between CH. 2550 to Ch2720 commenced on 28 April 2015



Optional addition section CH. 2550 to Ch2720

(i) Quarry:

- Current major orders include: RMS Newell HWY 8,000.00 tonnes and RMS B55 Castlereagh Hwy 20,000.00 tonnes
- B55 Castlereagh Hwy 50% completed.
- RMS Newell HWY 80% completed.

Recommendation:
That the information be noted

14.2 COONAMBLE WASTE SERVICES

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

13.3 Minimise hard waste production and promote recycling

1.3.3.1 Develop a separate waste Management Plan

Background:

The existing Coonamble Shire waste management services are based on two services contracts:

1. *Operation Of A Waste Collection Service For The Town Of Coonamble And Village Of Gulargambone (expiry date 30 September 2015).*

2. *Contract For The Operation & Management Of The Coonamble Waste Depot: (expiry date 31 August 2015)*
 - Part 1 - Contract For The Operation & Management Of The Coonamble Waste Depot (Situated Along Quambone Road, Coonamble And Owned By Coonamble Shire Council)

 - Part 2 Contract For The Operation & Management Of The Gulargambone Transfer Station (Situated On Castlereagh Highway South Of Coonamble And Owned By Coonamble Shire Council)

Issues:

As previously advised by the Director of Engineering Services, a comprehensive review of the Coonamble Shire waste management system is required to satisfy the State Government requirements and to ensure that the most effective, efficient and sustainable waste management services are provided by Council.

To facilitate the development of the Coonamble Shire Waste Management Strategy Council has engaged a NSW based waste management consultant, MAR Consulting. The primary objective of the future strategy will be to ensure that cost-effective and efficient services are provided to the residents.

The consultant will develop and consider options for the delivery of waste and recycling services as well as landfill management. All options will be assessed for conformity with the existing legislation and financial sustainability.

Financial projection will be carried out over 3, 5, 10 and 15 year timeframes. Recommendations for achieving these aims and objectives will be incorporated into the Waste Collection Tender Specifications.

The project aims to:

- Reduce overall waste generation
- Improve the variety, quality, performance and delivery of existing waste services
- Increase diversion rate from landfill and identify/recommend best practice disposal/recovery options (with least financial and environmental impact) for, but not limited to;
 1. Putrescibles Waste
 2. Recycling
 3. Garden Organics
 4. Bulk Household Materials
 5. Mattresses
 6. E Waste
 7. Food Waste recovery
 8. Alternate Waste Technology
- Identify and cost best practice waste management systems over 3,5,10 and 15 year timeframe.
- Review current practices and procedures in relation to illegal dumping and make recommendations

It is expected that the draft Waste Management Strategy will be developed by 31 July 2015.

It is envisage that the future strategic plan will develop a clear direction for the management of waste within the Coonamble Shire, including performance benchmarking and most suitable options for disposal and recovery.

To take full advantage of the future waste strategy, it would be prudent to postpone tenders for both Waste Collection Services and Landfill Management. This would ensure that the new strategic direction is implemented in a shorter amount of time and across the whole range of waste management services provided by Council.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Waste removal is one of councils' core functions and must be provided to residences within the collection zone and paid for by a levy on each assessment.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

1. Council extend both the contract for the collection of household waste and the contract for the operation and management of Coonamble landfill and Gulargambone transfer station for a further 12 months.

2. Council call for tenders for the collection of household waste and the contract for the operation and management of Coonamble landfill and Gulargambone transfer station

Recommendation:

That Council extend both the contract for the collection of household waste and the contract for the operation and management of Coonamble landfill and Gulargambone transfer station for a further 12 months in accordance with the existing terms and conditions.

14.3 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS & MOBILITY PLANS

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

11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.

13.2 Improve community access to services

Background:

In 2014 Council obtained assistance from the NSW Roads and Maritime Services to jointly fund the development of Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMPs) for the Town of Coonamble and the Village of Gulargambone. Council engaged Accessible Public Domain (APD), an Access Consultancy, to assist in the development of the plans.

Issues:

The ultimate aim of a PAMP is to deliver safe, equitable, connected and dignified paths of travel for pedestrians of all ages and abilities. To achieve this aim it is necessary to firstly identify elements of the Coonamble and Gulargambone public domains that render pedestrian paths of travel unsafe, inequitable or undignified, and determine where existing paths need to be connected to provide continuity of passage.

The Draft PAMP Report has been reviewed by RMS and is now ready for public exhibition and community comment – attached as **APPENDIX B..** Following the public exhibition a Final PAMP will be submitted to Council for adoption.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Nil

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

Nil Place the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMPs) for the Town of Coonamble and the Village of Gulargambone on public display for 28 days and call for comments.

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to place on public exhibition the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMPs) for the town of Coonamble and village of Gulargambone for the prescribed 28 day period, calling for written submissions and/or comment.

PETER CHUDEK

Director of Engineering Services
4 May 2015

15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – APRIL 2015

*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

Compliance Issues

There have been 10 non-compliance issues – all of which have received infringement notices.

Correspondence	<u>April 2015</u>	<u>Year to Date 2014/2015 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	53	201
Infringements (Animals)	10	85
Infringements (Other)	0	12
Microchipped dogs	32	206
Registrations	10	89
Nuisance dog declaration	0	1
Dangerous dog declaration	1	4
Restricted dog declaration	0	0

Impoundments

Dogs	20	217
Cats	12	97
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED	32	314
Motor vehicle	0	2

Breakdown of impoundments

Dogs destroyed	8	117
Dogs surrendered by owner	17	116
Dogs re-housed	11	76
Dogs released	0	25
Cats destroyed	9	82
Cats re-housed	3	6
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	2	38
Quambone dogs impounded	2	2

SUBSIDISED DE-SEXING PROGRAM

The subsidised de-sexing program, held in conjunction with NorthWest Vets, during April was a success, with 32 animals having been de-sexed. The breakdown of numbers is as follows:

- 15 Female Dogs
- 10 Male Dogs
- 3 Female Cats
- 4 Male Cats

Staff believes this has been a great benefit to the community and hopefully will reduce the problem of unwanted litters.

DOG ATTACKS

Three dog attacks occurred during the month – they have been dealt with in accordance with the Companion Animals Act and appropriate action taken.

Recommendation:
That Council note the information

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services
30 April 2015.

**16. DELIVERY PROGRAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW –
PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2015
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 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 – (A3 sheets).

Issues:*BUDGET REVIEW:*

Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which is presented in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:*Quarterly Review of Budget*

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) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (2) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 March 2015**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.

May 2015

17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

**17.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT
 CIRCLE HELD IN THE CSC COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY, 21
 APRIL 2015 AT 11.00 A.M.**

Present: Kate Keizer (CNC), David Floyd (Breakthru), Trish Butler (Joblink), Colin Shuttleworth (APM), Lee O'Connor (CSC), Michelle Payne (DPM&C), Leah Burnheim (TAFE), Tracey Barkley (MA).

Apologies: Cr John Walker (CSC), Steve Howarth (DAA), Andrew Rose (DAA), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Annie McLaughlin (CHS), Jenny Caslick (MA), Steve Hodder (Verto), Mark Noonan (APM), Howard Aldis (Dept of Employment), Katie Phelan (Joblink), Tracey Burns (Centrelink), Chris Suey (Centrelink), Ana Pateman (WSC), Wayne Cole (Centrelink), Mark Merchant (DPM), Bobby Jones (CAHS), Garry Brown (WSC), Grant Fish (STS), Noelle Williams (Sureway), Rachel Mac Smith (Skillset), Nerida King (MPREC), Sandra Harrison (CRTC).

Chair: David Floyd

Notes: Lee O'Connor

1. Agency / Staff Changes

1.1 Sureway – no advice yet re replacement for Kerry Kelly in Coonamble office.

1.2 APM – contract not renewed from 1 July 2015. APM office will close. APM were the only full-time contract in Coonamble and also held Work for the Dole contract and had excellent star ratings in Orana Regon. APM will need to hand over the Coonamble Golf/Jockey Club Work for the Dole program to another agency.

1.3 Changes to Job Services Contracts – from June 30 - no longer Job Services Australia, *rebadged Job Active*. Increased focus on 'work for the dole' style activities. Orana area expanded to include Walgett Shire. BEST employment has reportedly won a contract to cover Coonamble – TBC. Concern re increasing workload and expectations for outcomes from local agency staff. Eg. Joblink in 2013 had 2 staff and a caseload of 98. In 2015 have only 1 staff and a caseload of 130. Makes it hard to address issues with clients when time not available.

Questions re coming changes:

How will local caseload (approx. 250) be distributed among agencies?

How will Work for the Dole co-ordination work?

2. Employment Pathways

2.1 Expo for Employers at CHS – new date 17th July. Focus will be on agriculture and construction, however, other employers may also be interested in attending. Western Student Connections has offered to assist financially through IYCP Aspiration Building component.

ACTION: CHS to advise details. Possible need for special CEC meeting to assist.

3. Community Working Party

Note: Ted Fernando advised after the meeting that a Working Party meeting is being held this Thursday 23rd April to go over their Action Plan and see how the local priorities match up with regional agreements.

ACTION: Lee to follow up with Ted Fernando re how CEC can support the Working Party with the employment and economic development strands of OCHRE.

4. Driver Licensing

4.1 Drive Your Life – around half of the recipients of the second round of scholarships have completed their allotted hours during the holidays. More people are gaining their P's. Project is due to conclude by 30 June.

ACTION: Kate to provide update on hours completed and licences at next meeting.

4.2 Drive Your Life – Volunteer Mentor Training: Some volunteer mentors were unavailable on the dates Birrang were to provide training so training didn't run as planned due to insufficient numbers.

ACTION: Kate to liaise with Transport NSW about administration payment.
Kate to inquire about the planned call for tenders to run Driver Mentor Programs.

4.3 Birrang Enterprise Development Company – Lyndal was very busy and supported participants to attend their licence tests.

ACTION: Lee to request report on outcomes from Birrang.

5. Centrelink Issues

5.1 Mobile Service Centre – the 'van' is apparently coming to Coonamble soon. No date known.

5.2 Public Presentation on Self Service – waiting on proposed date from Chris Suey.

5.3 Support for Centrelink Clients by other agencies – local agencies need to monitor time/computer use for clients to access Centrelink services.

5.4 Additional phone/hours for Coonamble RTC Agency – update to be requested from RTC/Centrelink Dubbo.

5.5 Other operational matters – Wayne Cole was going to investigate how to get improved feedback from their Participation Teams re compliance; and how to ensure phone interviews occur on schedule.

ACTION: Seek feedback on above from DHS staff before next meeting.
Local reps to meet with Chris Suey to plan Centrelink sessions for local recipients.

6. Local Workforce Planning & Development

6.1 Local Training Plan - Survey of Local Business – Possibility of having uni students assist with surveying. Lee waiting on further info from UTS. Need contact for other universities. Discussion re business demand for skill-specific short courses. This seems to match the new approach under Job Active where focus is on funding training for immediate employment with specific employers.

6.2 Castlereagh Abattoir - opening date getting closer. Very interested in employing mature workers and Indigenous. Joblink advised that it would be more cost effective to have a locally-based trainer.

ACTION: Leah B to contact management to discuss providing specific training eg. animal welfare.
Lee to further investigate options for university involvement.

6.3 Local Statistics – Lee provided update on unemployment which increased in the quarter to December 2014 from 5.6% to 7.8%. Lee also distributed statistics on local population and business counts. Further information is available from the Community and Economic Profiles on Council's website (front page). www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

7. Training

7.1 TAFE Courses – Leah distributed the latest TAFE Western course offering brochure. Note that only dates for bigger centres are listed. Courses in smaller centres are on demand subject to sufficient numbers. It was suggested that this is not immediately clear and is probably a disincentive for local people. Alternative is to have a brochure for the smaller centres which lists the courses available, time needed, cost, etc and give clear contact details.

7.2 Training Scams – Shona Tannock at ASQA advises that the investigation is progressing. Keen to receive names of other companies offering dubious incentives for training or any other evidence that may assist.

ACTION: Provide any further info to complaintsteam@asqa.gov.au

7.3 Heavy Vehicle Licensing – Has been raised by Community Working Party and Cr Walker. Trish B advised that she has clients with truck licences but there is currently no work available or very short term contracts.

ACTION: Leah B to contact Neil Milton to check status.

7.4 Contract Cleaning – as per previous meeting this is identified as a potential enterprise/employment opportunity.

ACTION: Leah B to discuss current status of cleaning training with Neil Milton and report back.

8. General Business

8.1 Jobseeker Literacy – Jack Beetson from Literacy 4 Life has offered to come to Coonamble to meet with interested people. Discussion re taking it to Interagency or convening a separate meeting and inviting key stakeholders. Agreed to aim at setting a meeting date and inviting anyone interested. Further info is attached.

ACTION: Check out the link at <http://www.lflf.org.au/>.
Lee to speak to Ted Fernando to check Working Party support.
Leah to discuss with Jamie Sampson, TAFE.
Lee to discuss with CHS Connected Communities Reference Group.

8.2 NAIDOC & Indigenous Funding - Michelle advised that NAIDOC funding is open till Friday. Other demand-driven funding is also available. Details available at www.dpmmc.gov.au . Discussion re finding a local Indigenous organisation with structures in place to apply for and manage funding.

Meeting closed 12.40pm.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 19th May 2015, 11am.
CSC COMMITTEE ROOM

17.2 ORANA & FAR WEST REGIONS – INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLANS
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Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana and Far West, working alongside the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Planning and Environment, the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils, Local Government Authorities and Industry, are working to develop *Regional Infrastructure Master Plans* for the Orana and Far West regions. The process aims to provide a comprehensive infrastructure capability analysis and identify priority infrastructure projects that will drive economic growth.

To assist with the development of these *Regional Infrastructure Master Plans*, RDA sought input from a range of stakeholders to ensure all issues and opportunities associated with the provision of infrastructure in the regions are assessed during the preparation of the Master Plans.

Comments are now closed. Below are projects nominated within the Coonamble Local Government Area:

Category	Project – Council nominated	Project – nominated by Community/Industry	Contact
Transport	Inland Rail – western route alignment; linkage to existing rail		Tom Cullen
	Road – Tooraweenah		Rick Warren
	Road – Castlereagh Highway section rebuild		Conex Services
		Additional Rail Siding - Coonamble	Graincorp
Energy	Renewable power – feasibility & business case		Rick Warren
		Permanent Fuel Outlet in Quambone	John Wild
Water	Warrena Lake upgrade		Rick Warren
		Secure Water Supply for Coonamble Racecourse Reserve	Michael Kennedy
Waste		Recycling	Various
Telecommunications		Mobile phone towers (various sites)	Various
		Weather radar	Various
		MTM Antenna	Don Schieb

Category	Project – Council nominated	Project – nominated by Community/Industry	Contact
Social	Artesian Eco Spa		Rick Warren
	Western Education & Events Centre		Rick Warren
		Towri Units expansion	Alan Dodd
		PCYC	Alan Karanouh
		Drug & Alcohol Rehab Facilities	Alan Karanouh
Other issue/need		Coonamble Airport Residential/Commercial Subdivision	Paul Backhouse

Recommendation:
That the information contained in the report be noted

18. SALEYARDS REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

18.1 SALES

CATTLE:

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
08/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	49.10
08/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	49.10
20/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	100	49.10
21/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	29	49.10
24/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	100	49.10
24/04/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	35	49.10

TOTALS: Private Weigh 274 head \$294.60 **\$294.60**

18.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2014 – 30/04/2015

Saleyards Operations:	Income	\$69,905.48
	Expenditure	\$92,832.37
	Deficit	\$22,926.89
Truckwash :	Income	\$18,169.03
	Expenditure	\$ 10,615.27
	Surplus	\$ 7,553.76
Summary:	Income	\$88,074.51
	Expenditure	\$103,447.64
	Deficit	\$ 15,373.13
Saleyards Reserves:	Balance 01/07/13	\$ 59,884.26
	Balance 01/07/14	\$ 39,426.95
	Operational result to date	\$ 15,373.13
	Reserve Balance at 30/04/15	\$114,684.34

Recommendation:
That Council note the information in the report.

BRUCE QUARMBY
 Director – Corporate & Urban Services
 5 May 2015

19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

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20. GENERAL BUSINESS
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21. APPENDIX A – COUNCILLORS EXPENSES POLICY
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015

22. APPENDIX B – DRAFT P.A.M.P.
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015