

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF COONAMBLE COMMON HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.03 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Al Karanouh, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim and Don Schieb.
Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse

1. APOLOGY

2021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that apologies for non attendance be accepted from Cr Walker and Cr Cullen

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the minutes of the Coonamble Common Trustees' Meeting held on 8 April 2015 be confirmed.

3. REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Manager reported that the southern side of the Common is still required while the levee upgrade is proceeding. The fence is down where the contractor is accessing the area and before any stock is put on the area, the borrow pit being used must also be fenced as a safety precaution for stock.

Mr Cock also reported that the northern side, where horses are grazed, still is very short of feed and there are deep cracks and holes which would present a danger to the animals. It was noted by the Trustees that if this area is not left to regenerate it will be useless in the future. The Manager suggested that the Trustees may later on consider sowing the area to pasture to promote the growth of sustainable feed.

2023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the Common remain closed until further notice.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 9.11 a.m.

This is Page 1 of minutes of a meeting of Trustees of Coonamble Common held on 13 May 2015.

CONFIRMED by a majority at a duly convened meeting of Coonamble Common Trustees held on the **Tenth** day of **June** 2015.

MAYOR

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 1/5659

PRESENT: Cr.Al Karanouh, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. Michael Webb, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim and Don Schieb.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Kate Keizer, Co-ordinator of the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre, was present at the meeting to discuss the role of the Centre within the local community. She stated that currently it assists with provision of information and referrals, assists organisations that do not operate locally, auspices community groups, manages administration and financial reconciliation for the local employment circle and two other local groups in 2014/15. The Neighbourhood Centre also delivers services through other organisations with the provision of electricity vouchers, food parcels and no interest loans and is involved with the Interagency Network.

The Mayor thanked Ms Keizer for bringing the information to Council and she left the meeting at 9.25 a.m.

4.0 APOLOGIES

1426 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that apologies for non-attendance be received from Cr Walker and Cr Cullen.

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

1427 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 8 April 2015 be confirmed.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 2/5660

Business Arising from Ordinary Minutes:

(a) Aerodrome – Weather Forecast - Pilots

The General Manager said this matter is still progressing – Mr Mark Coulton has recently contacted Council advising he will be taking it up on Council's behalf and will advise in due course.

(b) Pole in Warrena Lane

Cr Schieb drew attention to the fact that the pole in Warrena Lane, which could pose a safety issue, has not been painted – the General Manager said he will have the job completed.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1428 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

Business Arising from Resolution Book

There was no business arising from the Resolution Book update.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Mayor reported on his activities since the April meeting, which included the following:

(a) Mayors' Weekend Seminar – 2 & 3 May 2015 – conducted by Local Government NSW. Seminar was worthwhile and provided opportunities to discuss issues of concern within various communities.

Cr Karanouh informed the meeting that Mr Glen Inglis has been invited to Coonamble to discuss with Councillors *Fit for the Future* issues – when a date has been determined Councillors will be informed.

(b) Orana Regional Organisation of Councils – 1 May 2015 – OROC Board meeting in Warren. OROC Board endorsed the offer from Momentum Energy for energy supply for street lights and contestable sites for the next three years.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 3/5661

It was noted that the power authority has stated that it cannot afford to upgrade to LED at this stage – Councils can do so at their own cost, put them in and pay costs plus maintenance. It was suggested that savings from the LED lights should be investigated and this could be raised at OROC level as a group project. Councillors also noted there is a meeting on 27 May at Coonamble with the Department of the Environment to discuss opportunities in the Emission Reduction Fund and this matter should be mentioned.

Cr Karanouh referred to the meeting Council representatives are attending with IPART – the General Manager said that meeting will take place on Friday 15 May.

(c) **ANZAC Day Remembrance Service – Coonamble** – very well attended. Council contributed funds to the Returned Services League to purchase poppies, which were on display at the Cenatoph.

(d) **Drug & Alcohol Forum** – about 120 people attended – lots of ideas were put forward for follow up. Police and some others who were there do not identify situation as problematic. There will be another meeting on 17 June as a follow up. Cr Karanouh said that Council's Director of Community Service has more information on the forum.

1429 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Karanouh that his report be received and noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1430 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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* from 7 September to 2 October 2015 and inviting Council to become a sponsor.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 4/5662

Council noted that it already provides approximately \$12,000 rental assistance and a contribution of \$9,000 to Outback Arts annually. Cr Burnheim said that Council's contribution helps to keep two jobs in Coonamble and this exhibition is a drawcard – the more prize money that can be offered, the higher the profile.

1430 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to a sponsorship of \$5,000 for the annual exhibition *The Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines* to be held in Coonamble from 7 September to 2 October 2015. Funds to be provided from Council's donation vote.

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. Pointing out various options for Council to become involved. Advising that to include a team in the Knockout costs approximately \$15,000.

Council provided \$2,000 sponsorship to the Gulargambone Rovers Sporting Club last year. On display at the meeting was the jersey presented to Council.

1431 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that Council take \$2,000 from its Donation Vote to sponsor the 2015 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo over the October long weekend. Funds to be provided from Council's donation vote.

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. 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.

The General Manager informed Council that the following issues have been supplied to Local Government NSW as issues of concern:

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

Cr Schieb referred to the drought policy and suggested that Council lobby the appropriate authorities to be recognised by the Government as drought affected, noting Coonamble has been excluded from the current drought area. It

This is **Page 4/5662** of minutes of ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 May 2015

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 5/5663

was noted that Come-by-Chance was initially omitted, but after successful lobbying has now been included.

1432 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Schieb that the information contained in the letter from Local Government NSW be noted.

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

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.

1433 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council agree to donate \$250 from its donation vote to the Coonamble Branch of Country Women's Association towards its luncheon to celebrate the 90th anniversary in Coonamble. Funds to be provided from Council's donation vote.

**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) and saying they need Council's help to maintain adequate funding for local roads, parks, swimming pools and libraries.

The General Manager informed the meeting that wording of a resolution was forwarded for Council's consideration.

1434 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council:

1. acknowledge the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;
2. acknowledge that the Council will receive \$3,529,553 in 2014/2015; and
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.

10.6 NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK D7

1435 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady 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.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 6/5664

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. Referring to the Commonwealth Government's 2014 budget decision to freeze indexation and urging Council to take up the issue with its local member to highlight the specific implications of the FAGs indexation freeze. Asking that a copy of Council's correspondence be forwarded to both LGNSW & ALGA.

1436 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that Council write to the Local Federal Member requesting that the freeze on Financial Assistance Grants indexation be removed.

10.8 NATIONAL SALEYARDS QUALITY ASSURANCE INC S1(45328)

1437 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council nominate Council T B Cullen, in his absence, for appointment to the National Saleyards Quality Assurance (NSQA) Committee, noting that Cr. Cullen may decline the nomination if he sees fit.

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.

1438 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Schieb that Council again agree to a sponsorship of \$2,500 to the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Carnival over the October long weekend on the same conditions as previous years. Funds to be provided from Council's donation vote.

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.

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. Asking Council to spread the word about Gold Telethon 2015 through its networks, mention Council's support in the

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 7/5665

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 and 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.

1439 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.10 to 10.15 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1440 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the following items be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

10.16 COONAMBLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE D7(45346)

Asking Council for assistance in acquiring appropriate office space and acknowledging the financial assistance previously given. Advising the office space next door to the newsagents was suitable, but when the rate subsidy provided by Council expired, the Centre had no choice but to seek more affordable space.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 8/5666

Council noted that Ms Kate Keizer, Coordinator of the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre, addressed Council earlier in the day.

1441 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council allow the Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre the use of two offices at the northern end of the building which currently houses the Visitor Information Centre.

10.17 COONAMBLE SPORTING CLUBS P1-11(45345)

Writing on behalf of 10 sporting clubs regarding a possible upgrade of lights at Coonamble sportsground.

1442 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Burnheim that the sporting clubs investigate options and costings to upgrade lighting at the Coonamble Sportsground to the standard they require and submit a detailed report to Council **AND FURTHER** any cost for the investigation be met by the sporting clubs.

10.18 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE D7(45342)

In response to Council's letter regarding air conditioning of the hall, providing the following information, which has been supplied by the air conditioning contractor:

- Insulation – there are no plans to insulate the hall
- Number of units – four units placed on the eastern side of the hall
- Saying the Committee is advised that four units will meet its requirements for heating and cooling of the building.

1443 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Schieb that the information supplied, in response to Council's letter, be noted.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 9/5667

10.19 COONAMBLE RODEO & CAMPDRAFT D7(45382)

1444 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Webb and Keady that Council agree to fund from the budget the amount of \$6,435 to Sam's Liquid Waste & Hire for the use of additional toilets/showers and if an emergency pump out is required during the event, that the extra amount of \$550 also be paid on behalf of the committee.

10.20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW G2-1(45378)

Writing about the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2015 which will take place from Sunday 11th October to Tuesday 13th October at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. Saying motions must be submitted by 24 August 2015. Advising full details of the Conference will be included on the website as they become available.

1445 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council note the information and Councillors Karanouh and Webb, together with the General Manager, attend the Conference from 11th to 13 October 2015.

10.21 LEE MULHOLLAND PR2245-2(45141)

Referring to a bus shelter which is being constructed in front of his residential block in Auburn St and saying the bus shelter's position will affect the aesthetic of the proposed residence, potentially the re-sale value and is blocking the aspect of the intended driveway access. Making application to Council to consider his position and relocate the bus shelter.

1446 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Burnheim and Keady that Council agree to move the bus shelter and relocate it across the road adjacent to the Arboretum.

10.22 CEO, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORANA

On behalf of Chair, John Walkom, inviting Councillors to a meeting in Coonamble on Wednesday, 27 May 2015, between 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. to further discuss opportunities raised at the last OROC Board meeting on Friday 1 May 2015. Asking that RSVPs be supplied as a priority.

1447 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information be noted and all Councillors endeavour to attend the meeting.

10.23 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13

Requesting Council to vary the adopted bids and estimates for 2015/2016.

1448 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council advise the NSW Rural Fire Service that it has adopted the bids and estimates for

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 10/5668

2015/2016 and is not prepared to make adjustments for additional RFS staff.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1449 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1450 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Keady that Council note Development Application Nos. 9/2015, 10/2015, 13/2015 and 15/2015, together with Complying Development Application Nos 08/2015, 11/2015, 12/2015 and 18/2015, were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY

The General Manager indicated that in response to the Mayor's request for an office within the administration building he would be including provision of a Mayoral Office in the draft policy before it is put on public exhibition.

1451 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that Council place the draft amended 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

Council noted that Cr Schieb gave notice that he intended to move the following motions at this meeting.

1. Boxthorn Eradication

There was considerable debate regarding this issue and the prevalence of the weed throughout the Shire. Councillors agreed that it should be a coordinated approach to eradicating the pest, saying both the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council and the Local Land Services should be requested to look at each of their areas. Cr Schieb referred to funding allocated to this area and said Council should take advantage of some of the money – the General Manager said that CMCC is Council's weeds authority and, as such, that organisation should be applying for funding.

The General Manager stated that Council can instruct the CMCC through formal resolution, to take action and also through the delegates to push for the boxthorn spraying to take place.

1452 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that Coonamble Shire Council request the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council and the Local Land Services to undertake a boxthorn eradication program throughout the Shire.

2. *Parking – Caravans & Recreational Vehicles*

This matter was discussed and mention made of Council's intention to upgrade the caravan park. However it was agreed that a designated "free" parking area for caravans will have minimal effect on residency at the caravan park – councillors saying that some travellers will not stay overnight at established caravan parks.

1453 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Karanouh 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.

11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1454 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the information contained in this item be noted.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1455 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 12/5670

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

1456 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

The General Manager said that in the absence of the Director he would endeavour to answer any questions Councillors may have or, if not, the matter could be deferred until the Director is present.

In response to a question from Cr Schieb, the General Manager advised that the Coonamble Aboriginal Working Party is the peak Aboriginal body recognised by State and Federal governments.

The Mayor said he had a conversation with Mr Ted Fernando following the drug and alcohol forum and invited Mr Fernando to meet with him monthly to discuss any issues of concern.

1457 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Mr Fernando be invited to attend the next meeting on Council on Wednesday 10 June 2015 to address the meeting.

12.2 GULARGAMBONE YOUTH SERVICES

The Director provided a comprehensive report dealing with the extension of operating hours of the Gulargambone Holiday Program to include school afternoons from 3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. The report provided a comparison of providing a similar service in Quambone. Councillors noted that it has previously agreed to provide an extension of operating hours at Gulargambone for 3 days/week – 2½ hours/day.

A MOTION

MOVED by Cr Webb that this matter be deferred until the Director of Community Services was present, **WAS WITHDRAWN.**

1458 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council agree to provide an after school care program at Quambone for 2 days/week – 2½ hours/day at a cost of \$16,826 per annum, which may be increased if needs dictate.

At this juncture, 10.45 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.12 a.m.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1459 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 13/5671

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1460 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 April 2015 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1461 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the list of investments as 30 April 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.

Cr Burnheim asked whether Council could diversify its investment strategy – the General Manager said that it can and it is not limited to banks. Mr Warren said a report will be provided to Council on what options are available. The Director of Corporate and Urban Services referred to Council's Investment Policy and legislative guidelines under which Council's current investment strategy operates. The General Manager said that any change would have to be incorporated into Council's long term financial plan and Councillors should be aware of the need for flexibility and cash flows as necessary.

13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1462 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the works in progress update be noted.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1463 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Webb that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Director provided updates on various works, which included:

- Warrena Street – replacement of water pipes – this is nearing completion and next week work will begin on the dish crossing in Dubbo Street adjacent to the TAFE.
- Treatment plant – removal of sludge & sediments from the evaporation pond.
- Quarry sales have reached \$2m – may not get to \$2.6m, but is happy with the returns to date.

1464 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim that the engineering services works in progress update be noted.

14.2 COONAMBLE WASTE SERVICES

The Director referred to the two contracts (both of which expire shortly) relative to waste management services, i.e. Operation of a Waste Collection Service (Coonamble & Gulargambone) and Operation & Management of Coonamble Waste Depot/Gulargambone Transfer Station.

The meeting noted that a waste management consultant, MAR Consulting, has been engaged to facilitate the development of the Coonamble Shire Waste Management Strategy, which should be completed by July 2015.

The Director reported that, at this point, it would be prudent for Council to extend both the above contracts to ensure an achievable timeframe to prepare the Waste Collection Tender.

1465 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Burnheim 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 (PAMP)

The Director reported that the draft PAMP report has been reviewed by the Roads and Maritime Services and is ready for public exhibition following a resolution from Council. A copy of the draft document was included with the business paper.

1466 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council resolve to place on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 days, the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans for the town of Coonamble and village of Gulargambone, calling for written submissions and/or comment.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1467 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Schieb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – APRIL 2015

1468 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that the report provided by the Ranger for the month of April 2015 be noted.

The Manager of Environmental Services reported that rehousing of dogs is going well. He said that while the situation is improving, complaints should be in writing to Council so that they can be addressed. Mr Cock also referred to the recent subsidised de-sexing program and said it was a success.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 15/5673

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 31 MARCH 2015

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services presented this report and asked for questions from Councillors. He proceeded to go through the budget documents – one of the issues he mentioned was the reduction in interest on investments (\$62,150). Mr Quarmby said that this review (as at 31/3/15) saw a budget surplus of \$32,829.

1469 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council:

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

Cr Burnheim congratulated Mr Quarmby on the budget review and said the Director had provided a very successful quarterly report.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

1470 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that reports from various committees, listed hereunder, be noted.

17.1 Meeting of Coonamble Employment Circle – 21/4/2015

17.2 Orana & Far West Regions – Infrastructure Master Plans Report

17.3 Coonamble Shire Business Survey – March / April 2015

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

1471 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Webb that the Saleyards report be received and noted.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Schieb:

- LEP – the Manager of Environmental Services advised he was speaking with the Department of Planning officer recently and it will be 6 – 8 months before the Regional LEP is completed. However, amendments to Coonamble LEP have been approved and gazetted.
- Reported that there is a huge pile of garden waste and clippings at the waste depot and asked whether Council could sell it – the Manager of Environmental Services said the EPA will not allow the sale of this material.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 16/5674

Cr Keady:

- Media release from Paul Toole, Minister for Local Government, refers to “rural council” model – the General Manager said the OLG have moved away from a single rural council model as no one structure suits all councils. Council is to submit an Improvement Program still referred to as the rural council template ie. Template three – what must be shown is sustainable improvement over time.
- Abattoir – the Mayor advised that everything is on track and opening of the facility should be about one month. EPA has signed off on the project and is working with the Health Authority to bring the project to the operational stage. It was noted a meat inspected has been appointed, along with slaughter staff.

Cr Burnheim:

- At the Common Trustees’ meeting, Cr Burnheim asked who was responsible for fencing around the borrow pit – the Director of Engineering Services perused the contract and advised that it was Council’s responsibility.

Cr Webb:

- Referred to the huge crowds at both the ANZAC Day Services – however, he had had complaints about the stalls operating in Castlereagh Street on the day. He said that they should not have been there as it was disrespectful – ANZAC Day is to commemorate those who fought for their country in the various wars.

A MOTION

MOVED by Cr Webb that a letter be written to Coonamble Streets Ahead Committee, advising that it was disrespectful to conduct stalls/markets on ANZAC Day, **lapsed for want of a seconder.**

Mayor:

- Referred to a discussion he had with a representative of Murdi Paaki who indicated the former youth centre in Railway Street may be available. Said that a lot of work has been done inside the building and it is fully equipped. Cr Karanouh said it would be worthwhile for Council to inspect the building – Cr Burnheim said he did not agree that Council should consider buying another building. Cr Webb suggested that the Showground Pavilion is large enough to be used as a youth centre and would be an ideal location. Another suggestion put forward was that the building be donated to the Coonamble Aboriginal Lands Council.

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY
2015, COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.**

Page 17/5675

1472 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council arrange with Murdi Paaki to inspect the building in Railway Street, formerly used as a youth centre.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Pages (1/5659 to 17/5675) were confirmed on the TENTH day of JUNE 2015 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 MAY 2015.

MAYOR

This is **Page 17/5675** of minutes of ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 May 2015