

3 June 2015

**The next ordinary meeting of COONAMBLE SHIRE  
COUNCIL will be held in the SHIRE CHAMBER,  
COONAMBLE on WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015 at  
9.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully  
**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**  
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- 9.30 a.m. ROSLYN FLORIE-GEORGE**  
**Business Manager – MRA Consulting Group**  
Presentation – Options for future strategy of Coonamble Shire  
Waste Management Strategy
- 1.00 p.m. JOHN & DIANNE SMITH**  
Lunch with Council – John has resigned from his position at the  
quarry and will be leaving Council’s employ shortly.

**6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST  
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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

**7.1 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE  
 SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE  
 ON WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2015, COMMENCING AT 9.09 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 Corporate & Urban Services, Mr Quarmby and the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek.

**APOLOGY**

**1426 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Burnheim that an apology for non-attendance be accepted from Cr. Walker.

The Mayor informed the meeting that Cr Keady would be a late arrival, however he said he would move an apology in case Cr Keady was unable to get to the meeting.

**1427 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanough and Cullen that an apology be accepted from Cr Keady.

***Purpose of the Meeting:***

The meeting was convened to set the Operational Plan and adopt a budget for the forthcoming financial year. The meeting noted that Fees and Charges for 2015/2016 were placed on public exhibition following a resolution at the April meeting (Res.#1410 of 8/4/2015).

Councillors noted the regulatory processes which have to be met prior to adopting the Operational Plan and Budget. The draft documents will be placed on public exhibition inviting comment and with written submissions will close on Friday 5 June 2015. Any submissions and/or comments received will be presented to the June meeting and considered prior to formal adoption of the Operational Plan and Budget.

The General Manager reminded Councillors that a public meeting, to present the draft documents to interested members of the community, was scheduled for 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 26 May 2015.

The following documents were presented to the meeting:

- Report - Draft operational budget 2015/16
- Revenue Policy - 2015/16
- Operational Plan - 2015/16
- Capital Items
- Additional Maintenance Items
- Reserves

- Long Term Financial Plan (2015/16 – 2025/26)
- Operational Plan – 2015/16
- Draft Management Plans
- Estimates - 2015/16

The Director of Corporate and Urban Services informed the meeting that the draft budget was \$1.6m in deficit and suggested various options for Councillors to look at to bring it to a 'balanced bottom line'.

At this juncture, 10.23 a.m., Cr Keady arrived at the meeting, which was then adjourned for morning tea. The meeting resumed at 11.01 a.m. and Cr. Webb was not present and did not return.

**1428 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that the operational plan, revenue policy and budget, as amended, be adopted and placed on public display for the prescribed period, seeking written submissions, prior to formal adoption of these documents at the Council meeting on 10 June 2015, together with any submissions received.

***Functions / Activities***

Expenditure	Amount	Income	Amount
<b>Transport &amp; Communication</b>		<b>Transport &amp; Communication</b>	<b>\$583,337</b>
		Tfr Reserve – Arena     \$283,337	
		Tfr Road Res Rural     \$200,000	
		Tfr Road Res Reloam     \$100,000	
<b>Economic Services</b>		<b>Economic Services</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
		Tfr Farming Reserve     \$15,000	
<b>Capital Expenditure – General</b>	<b>\$804,480</b>	<b>Capital Income – General</b>	<b>\$238,500</b>
Urban Sts Prog     \$409,480		Grant funding –	
T/fr Res. Pound     \$ 50,000		Playground     \$ 58,500	
Desilt Weir     \$250,000		Grant funding – Desilt	
Nativity Scene     \$ 10,000		Weir     \$125,000	
Guard Rail Replace. \$100,000		Tfr Res – Street Lighting \$ 15,000	
Install additional		Tfr Res – Urban Streets \$290,000	
Street Lighting     \$ 15,000			
<b>Total Change in Budgeted Expenditure</b>	<b>\$804,480</b>	<b>Total Change in Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$836,837</b>

**1429 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that two additional street lights be placed in Warrena Street, with funding to come from the Street Lighting Reserve.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.30 p.m. Pages (1/5657 to 2/5658) were confirmed on the TENTH day of JUNE 2015 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 6 MAY 2015.

**MAYOR**

<b>7.2 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2015 COMMENCING AT 9.11 A.M.</b>
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**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.

**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.

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.

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 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Councillor 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 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.

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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

#### **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/QUAMBONE 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.

#### **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.

## **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.

## 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.

**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**

## **8. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 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 - timelines, technical criteria and weighting have been finalised.**

#### **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:**

**Survey provided to Architect for initial concept design.**

#### **PARKING – CARAVANS & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

**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.

**Status:**

**No progress to date.**

#### **INSPECTION OF FORMER YOUTH CENTRE**

**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.

**Status:**

**No progress to date**

**8.2 RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED**

**NATIONAL SALEYARDS QUALITY ASSURANCE INC S1(45328)**  
**1437 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Webb and Keady that Council nominate Councillor 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.

**Status:**

**Cr Cullen advised.**

**COMPLETED**

**9. MAYORAL REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015**

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**10. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

**Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:**

**10.1 UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY – SCHOOL OF RURAL HEALTH  
D7(45429)**

Advising of an important research study conducted by the University at the Dubbo and Orange Campuses – the ARCHER Study. Advising this cohort study of rural adolescent health is the first to investigate the impact of the hormones of puberty on young people’s physical and mental wellbeing undertaken globally. Saying the study was funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for a triennial grant, but the grant was not renewed in late 2014. Pointing out the study is under threat as it is now only partly funded from philanthropic donations and requires ongoing capital to allow it to reach its conclusions. Seeking a donation to support the activities of ARCHER over the forthcoming year.

***Recommendation:***

***That Council inform the University of Sydney – School of Rural Health – that it is unable to contribute to costs associated with the ARCHER Study due to other financial commitments and limited available funds.***

**10.2 MTM FM 91.9 COONAMBLE COMMUNITY RADIO INC  
D7(45463)**

Saying it has recently purchased a building at 30 Maule Street as a permanent community radio station and that it has been fitted out to create a new studio, production area and office. Thanking Council for its annual sponsorship and reporting that due to the hard work of the Committee, the radio has not had to rely on grant funding for over three years. Pointing out that the purchase of the building has left funds somewhat depleted, with ongoing overhead costs increasing substantially. Requesting Council to consider waiving the rates for 30 Maule Street – estimating that the cost would be approximately \$1,500 annually.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – The breakdown of annual rates on Assessment No 1863 – Coonamble Community Radio – 30 Maule Street, Coonamble is:

- |                  |       |                |
|------------------|-------|----------------|
| • Minimum rate   | \$480 |                |
| • Water          | \$210 |                |
| • Sewerage       | \$479 |                |
| • Domestic waste | \$280 | Total \$1,449) |

***Recommendation:***

***For Council’s determination.***



<b>10.3</b>	<b>COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>D7(45464)</b>
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Asking Council to waive hire fees associated with the showground and buildings for the 2015 rodeo and campdraft event. Saying the past few years expenses have been hard on the event and even harder on the community. Stating that any additional assistance to show case our Shire would be appreciated.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council, in 2014, provided the following assistance to the Committee:

- |                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| • Payment for toilet/shower hire   | \$7,000 |
| • “In-kind” contribution           | \$7,000 |
| • Waive fee for hire of the ground | \$2,500 |

At the May 2015 meeting Council again agreed to pay the hire cost for additional toilet and shower facilities.)

<p><b><i>Recommendation:</i></b>  <b><i>For Council’s determination.</i></b></p>
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<b>10.4</b>	<b>2WEB OUTBACK RADIO</b>	<b>C8-8(45458)</b>
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Offering Council an annual promotional package with 2WEB for the 2015/2016 financial year. Saying this cost effective local government package is \$5,500 + GST which entitles Council to unlimited announcements for 12 months. Pointing out the financial support of local government makes it possible for 2WEB to provide services to the many community organisations who utilise the station for publicity purposes.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council has not participated in this local government package with 2WEB for years, preferring to support its local Community Radio Station. 2WEB’s services are utilised if and when needed, at the normal rate payable).

<p><b><i>Recommendation:</i></b>  <b><i>That Council inform 2WEB Outback Radio that it declines to participate in the annual promotional package for local government, preferring to support its local Community Radio Station.</i></b></p>
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**Section B – For Council’s Information:****10.5 MRS LORNA O’BRIEN H1(45421)**

Advising she is retiring from the position of secretary of the Coonamble Senior Citizens Association and will be relocating to another area. Handing the books to Council for safe keeping until a replacement is found for the position. Thanking Council for its continued support to this organisation.

**10.6 KEEP NSW BEAUTIFUL K1(45470)**

Advising that this membership year – 2015/2016 – it has expanded membership categories to bring businesses, schools, community groups and individuals into a network of Members and Friends of KNSWB. Thanking Council for its previous support and inviting it to renew membership. Forwarding invoice and contact form for completion.

**10.7 CANCER INSTITUTE NSW G5-1-2(45499)**

Thanking Council for submitting an application for the Cancer Institute NSW Evidence to Practice Grant – Shade Provision. Advising the application has been successful and a grant of \$21,978 (including GST) has been provided.

**10.8 CENTRAL WEST LOCAL LAND SERVICES N7(45602)**

Acknowledging Council’s letter regarding the control of boxthorn in the Shire. Advising contact has been made with Weeds Officers from the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council regarding the campaign and arrangements have been made to participate. Saying the Coonamble-based field officers will be available to spray boxthorn on LLS managed land during the program. Stating it looks forward to working with Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council and local landholders in the boxthorn control campaign and will put every effort into ensuring it is successful.

**10.9 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE G5-26(45616)**

Acknowledging Council’s request for approval to vary the scope of Stage 1 Coonamble Levee Upgrade – to allow Council to undertake part of the land matters under the grant and to vary the alignment of the levee. Saying it has approved the reduction of the scope of the current grant and also to vary the alignment of the levee to allow Council to undertake a minor diversion to build the levee around the contaminated site found to have asbestos.

**10.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2**

Advising LGNSW has made a comprehensive submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Consultation Paper on the Methodology for Assessment of Council *fit for the Future* proposals.

Saying that IPART needs to clarify how a variety of factors will impact on the assessment of scale and capacity and that population minimums and target council numbers should not be introduced into the assessment process. Stating the Rural Council option is primarily an improvement option, not a structural change option and should be referred to as such in the Methodology for Assessment. Saying also that IPART should take a holistic approach when assessing FFTF community consultation conducted by councils and take into account community response. (Refer to **APPENDIX A**).

**10.11 MARK COULTON MP, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARKES  
R8-13(45623)**

Advising of current and upcoming funding opportunities available from the Australian Government. Saying the 2016/17 round of the Black Pot Program and Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund are now open – applications close 31 July 2015.

Saying local councils and incorporated not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding of between \$20,000 and \$10 million for capital infrastructure projects through Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund. Advising the program presents a key opportunity for local councils and organisations to receive funding towards priority projects. Stating that \$25m will be quarantined for those projects seeking funding of \$1m or less and will create opportunities for councils to fund important smaller local projects. Pointing out that applicants will be allowed to submit two applications.

Advising also that Round Two of the Bridges Renewal Program will open in the coming months and will provide \$300m over the next four years to cover up to 50% of repair and replacement costs for bridges across the nation.

Regarding Financial Assistance Grants program, assuring Council that this Government supports and recognises the important role of local governments, particularly in regional and rural areas. Saying the Government will provide \$9.3b via these grants to local government through to 2017/2018 with no strings attached so councils can spend it entirely on local priorities determined by them.

**10.12 JAN BARHAM MLC – THE GREENS L4-1(45431)**

Asking for support in obtaining improved funding for public libraries in NSW. Saying she wrote to councils across the State seeking information and support to address the cost-shifting in library funding and many councils responded with details of their library services and impacts of the absence of increased State funding. Pointing out she is appreciative and supportive of

the efforts made by the NSW Public Libraries Association and its predecessor organisations to push for action on this issue.

Asking for Council's support in distributing copies of the petition calling for a Parliamentary Inquiry into Libraries to libraries and within local communities. Saying a petition that obtains 10,000 signatories will ensure that the issue is debated in Parliament. Referring Council to website [www.fundourlibraries.org.au](http://www.fundourlibraries.org.au) for further information.

<b>10.13 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO 6 L10-2</b>
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Forwarding media release headed *Fit for the Community?* in connection with the Inquiry into the *fit for the Future reform agenda* and saying it has commenced an inquiry into local government in NSW. Advising the committee will be chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC of the Christian Democratic Party and include representatives of the Liberal Party, the Australian Labor Party and the Greens.

Pointing out the committee has identified a number of aspects of the Fit for the Future agenda that it wishes to explore in detail, which include the potential impact of forced mergers on rates, as well as on local infrastructure investment and maintenance. Saying it also wishes to examine how any forced amalgamations may affect the needs of regional and rural councils and communities, especially in terms of the impact on local economies and the reality of having local issues addressed.

Pointing out the closing date for submissions is Sunday 5 July 2015, following which the committee anticipates holding public hearings in Sydney and regional NSW. (Refer **APPENDIX B** for terms of reference).

<b>10.14 10.15 COONAMBLE CWA – DAY BRANCH</b>
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Inviting staff and Councillors to its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Lunch at the Coonamble Bowling Club on Saturday 27 June 2015 at 11.30 a.m. Advising that World President of A.C.W.W. Mrs Ruth Shanks AM, will be guest speaker – cost per person \$25.00. Requesting that RSVPs be provided by Monday 22 June 2015.

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
2 June 2015

**11. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 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
16/15	John Rae	Owner	Erect shed	Carwell Station Quambone	07/05/2015

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
22/15	Shaun Hepworth	Owner/Church Manager	Covered awning	28 Aberford Street Coonamble	26/05/2015
24/15	Nicolas Bush	Owner	Covered awning	22 Namoi Street Coonamble	26/05/2015

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

**Financial Considerations:** NIL

**Options:** NIL

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note Development Application No 016/2015, together with Complying Development Application Nos 022/2015 & 024/2015 were approved under delegated authority since last meeting.**

**11.2 COUNCILLOR FEES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program*  
**L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent**  
**L2.3 Acknowledge the importance of community leader roles**

**Background:**

Each year increases in councillor fees are considered by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and an increase provided for in its determination. See **APPENDIX C**.

**Issues:**

This year the Tribunal had to consider the role played by councillors, in particular the Mayor, in setting councils' strategic direction throughout the local government reform process. The complexity and the amount of time devoted to these reforms were over and above the normal expectations of a mayor and councillors.

Every three years the Tribunal is required to consider the categories of councils and that of the mayoral office. This was undertaken as part of the 2015 review. Coonamble Shire remains within the Rural Category for this determination. The annual fee range for a councillor is \$8,330 to \$11,010, with an additional range of \$8,860 to \$24,030 being paid to the mayor in recognition of their increased activity. The Tribunal does not have any jurisdiction to make any fee payable to a deputy mayor.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

A council must set the fees for its members from within the range provided by the Tribunal and a councillor shall be paid the fee – it is not permissible to forego the remuneration.

**Financial Considerations:**

Council currently pays councillors a fee of \$9,435 and the mayor an additional \$16,040, which is the mid-point between the minimum and maximum amounts.

The minimum for councillors for the financial year beginning 1 July 2015 is \$8,330 and the maximum \$11,010 – mid-point is \$9,670. The additional payment for mayor is \$8,860 (minimum) and \$24,030 (maximum) – mid-point is \$16,445.

**Options:** N/A

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

**11.3 CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program: P4.3  
Promote role models who demonstrate community respect***

***Author: Council's Training & WH&S Coordinator, Daniel Braham***

**Background:**

In the Coonamble Shire Council Operational Plan 2014/15 Council decided to "Promote role models who demonstrate community respect". To achieve the strategic goals set out in the Operational Plan; Council has scheduled training for staff and proposed training for Councillors in Cultural Awareness in accordance with Council's delivery program actions.

The half day workshop is designed to expand thinking and promote understanding about the Aboriginal community. The workshop aims to provide awareness of Aboriginal cultural issues and how they relate to business and customer / community service, a practical understanding of culture and how it shapes values and behaviour and an insight into Aboriginal people in the workplace and the community.

**Issues:**

Coonamble Shire Council is committed to ensuring that Councillors have access to training to develop and maintain skills and knowledge required to perform their civic duties. Therefore, seeking the availability of Councillors to attend will assist in nominating dates for training on a scheduled meeting date.

**Sustainability / Legislative:**

- Councillor Training Policy

**Financial Considerations:**

Estimated cost \$3,700 (+GST) for remote / regional pricing.

**Options:**

1. Councillors make themselves available to attend a half day workshop on the same day as a scheduled Council meeting.
2. Councillors are unavailable to attend training and training is not scheduled.

**Recommendation:**

**That the General Manager arrange suitable training to be held at a convenient time.**

<b>11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
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**Author: Council's Economic Development Manager, Lee O'Connor**

<b>PROJECT</b> (Delivery Plan Reference)	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS/OUTCOMES</b>
Eco Spa + Caravan Park [EC2.1.7, I2.1.2]	<b>Investment attraction:</b> prepare tender in partnership with Local Government Procurement.	Timelines, technical criteria and weighting have been finalised.
Support new and existing business [EC 2.1.2]	<b>Support Business Start-Ups and Expansions:</b> provide information, advocacy and referral.	Inquiries and referrals regarding Abattoir.
[L1.1.3]	<b>Chamber of Commerce –</b> attended May meeting.	Planning joint window dressing effort in lead-up to Race Meeting in late June.
[P1.3.3]	<b>Emissions Reduction Fund</b> – hosted visit by RDA CEO and technical experts to speak to local business 27.5.15	Attendance included Coonamble Feedlot, farmer/graziers including from Carinda and Lightning Ridge.
[EC 2.1.5]	<b>Small Business Friendly Councils Program –</b>	Chamber preparing agenda items for meeting with GM and Mayor – date to be confirmed.
	<b>Inquiries New Residents –</b> respond to online inquiries from prospective residents.	No online inquiries this month.
	<b>Aircraft Engineering Facility -</b>	Aero Club waiting on designs and final quote from local business.
Green Power [I4.1.1]	<b>Local Energy Audit, Pre-Feasibility &amp; Business Case</b> for community renewables project –	Pursuing assistance from various sources.
Employment Circle [EC2.1.4, EC3.3.1]]	1. Convened Employment Circle meeting held 19 <sup>th</sup> May.	1. <b>Employment Circle meeting notes attached.</b> Next meeting Tues 16 June. 2. Community Information Sessions with Dept of Human Services on Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 12 June.



<b>PROJECT (Delivery Plan Reference)</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS/OUTCOMES</b>
Economic Development Committee [EC2.1.1]	1. <b>Meeting</b> held Tues 12 May.	See meeting notes attached. Next meeting Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June.
Advocacy [EC2.1.5]	<b>Drought Impact</b> – attended Carinda Drought meeting. (1) Liaising with NSWFA re proposal for 'in drought' rebates. (2) Liaising with federal Department of Agriculture re Local Infrastructure & Employment projects for drought affected communities.	1. Input into NSW Farmers drought Consultation Group Position Paper.  2. Program guidelines yet to be released.
Orana EDO Network [P1.3.3] [EC3.4.5]	1. <b>Regional Relocation Project</b> – source photographs and create text for website.	1. Website development underway. 2. Next meeting in Lightning Ridge on 31 July.

**Recommendation:**

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

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager  
2 June 2015

## **12. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES** **COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 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 May 2015.

#### **Issues:**

##### **1. Community Development**

##### **1.1 Coonamble Alcohol and Drug Advisory Group (CADAG) - *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 drug and alcohol project group continues to progress plans with further community consultations set for 9 June 2015. Following the recent Coonamble Shire Drug and Alcohol Forum, which heard from organisations and agencies, this session will be open to interested community members. An 11.30am session will take place at the Coonamble Bowling Club and a 5.30pm session at Council.

A planning session will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 where the outcomes of the forum and subsequent consultation will be shared and priority solutions will be developed.

##### **1.2 Youth Services Working Group - *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. P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people***

Council is part of a group, led by Mackillop Rural Community Services, working to improve youth services in Coonamble. The group is focussed on providing services that are able to work with young people in a sustainable and responsive manner.

The group's long term vision involves an appropriate physical youth centre space, staff and transport. Murdi Paaki has offered a physical space, the Coonamble Youth Centre, and the working group will seek external funding for program costs and wages.

In the short term, the group believes a Youth Off the Streets outreach program would be of benefit to the community. This would involve "in-place" visits with young people and their families with the aim of building positive community relationships, self-respect and developing a sense of hope

amongst our young people. A proposal will be put to Youth Off the Streets to include Coonamble in their Outreach Program while the group works towards the longer term vision.

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

Consultation for the Coonamble Shire Ageing Population Strategy concluded during May. One hundred and five community members completed surveys and seven community focus group sessions were held.

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

**3. Youth Council - *Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program- L1.1.1. Continue to support Coonamble Shire Youth Council as a link between young people and their Council.***

One Youth Council meeting took place during the reporting period, Minutes attached.

**4. 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, Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Lions Club supported Coonamble Public School's Sky Stories event. The event took place on 5 May and involved cultural education about star constellations and Aboriginal dreaming. Over one hundred people attended the event.

**5. 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***

National Simultaneous Storytime was held at the Library on 27/05/15 with two preschools and a number of walk-ins attending. Over 40 children and 15 adults attended. Michael Graham did a wonderful job reading the book "The Brothers Quibble" to his audience.

- The Stories are Magic launch was held in conjunction with National Simultaneous Storytime to take advantage of the large attendance by children and adults. It is a North West Library initiative that provides a backpack with two books, one CD, one DVD and one puppet. These are for loan to parents and carers to encourage their child's reading and social development and for bonding with the family. Part of the campaign includes a number of storytime theme boxes that are only for the use of the library during storytime.

- Completed Gulargambone book exchange.
- A donation of books from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation received. 40% of the books provided are written by Indigenous authors. Value of the books exceeds \$1800.00. The library is very grateful for the donation as it increases the collection of Indigenous material available to the community. Included are Children's picture books, Adult Non Fiction, Junior Non Fiction and Junior Fiction.
- Housebound deliveries to patrons with copy of seniors magazine continue fortnightly. This includes deliveries to Koonambil Aged Hostel
- Donated old large print books and talking books to Koonambil Aged Hostel.
- Coonamble PreSchool attended a storytime where four books were read. At the conclusion they were then encouraged to enjoy the toy library and the sensory cube.
- Assisted with Homework help and afterschool activities.
- Big Screen movie nights continue Friday fortnightly with 10-15 attendees typically between the ages of 5-15. The attendees are offered popcorn, sandwiches, fruit and water.
- Usage of library space by existing groups such as Coonamble Writers Group, Streets Ahead, Family History Meetings and Interact Employment Specialists.

### Library statistics

Service	Total Issues	New Member-ships	WiFi	Internet	Total visits
Coonamble	1214↑	9↓	57↑	174↓	847↓
Gulargambone	86↑	0			

Patron assistance	Reference Enquiries	Technology Enquiries	Local History Enquiries
Coonamble	21↓	48↓	21

Coonamble activities – children and young people	Number
Homework Help	25
Movie night	28
Storytime	19
Special events (preschool excursion)	28
Simultaneous storytime/ stories are magic launch	54

## **6. 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.

A Central Inland NSW Destination Management group meeting was held during the reporting period. The group is working through actions associated with the regional roadmap with a current focus on accommodation, product development, events and regional branding.

Draft Central Inland Events Strategy 2015/16 is attached as **APPENDIX D**.

### **Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period May 2015**

\*Some visitors made multiple enquiries

<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	<b>Visitor Type</b>	<b>Visitor Home State</b>	<b>Enquiry Type*</b>	<b>Enquiry Details*</b>				
84	Retiree	62	NSW	68	Local	56	Directions	50
	Worker	12	QLD	11	Regional	37	Attractions	35
	Family	8	VIC	1			Eateries	8
	Phone	2	SA	1			Toilets	11
			ACT	2			Souvenirs	3
			Overseas	1			Accommodation	9

## **7. Museum Under the Bridge**

- Twenty four visitors attended the museum during the month.
- The Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee met during the reporting period (minutes attached).

## **8. Grants**

- Notified of a successful application under the Cancer Institute of NSW Evidence to Practice Grants for a shade shelter for the splash pad and seating area at Coonamble pool (\$21,974 fully funded).

### **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.

<b>12.2 REGIONAL VISITOR ECONOMY FUND</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:  
EC1.2.3. Identify opportunities for new tourism product***

**Author: Grants and Events Officer, Jennie Geerdink**

**Background:**

The Regional Visitor Economy Fund is open for applications. The program funds projects which will assist in increasing overnight visitation. The program closes on Friday, June 12, 2015.

**Issues:**

The Regional Visitor Economy Fund provides funding of up to \$150,000 on a cash only, dollar for dollar basis. Any in-kind contribution is regarded as additional to matching cash.

Projects are required to align with various strategic plans, including the Regional Destination Management Plan, the Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan and NSW 2020 objectives.

One of the biggest issues Coonamble has is a lack of accommodation, particularly disabled. It is proposed that funding be applied for to install a new cabin, and a new disabled cabin in the Caravan Park, as part of the ongoing revitalisation of that precinct.

The cost of the project would be approximately \$250,000, with a minimum of \$125,000 to be sourced from Council and \$125,000 to be requested from the funding body. These matching funds could be sourced from the Caravan Park Reserve, which will cover this program.

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:** Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:**

A minimum of \$125,000 will need to be drawn from the Caravan Park Reserve to cover matching funds requirements.

**Options:**

1. Apply for funding for one disabled and one standard cabin at the Caravan Park, with matching funds of \$125,000 to be sourced from the Caravan Park Reserve.
2. Not apply for this round of funding.

<b>Recommendation: For Council's determination</b>
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<b>12.3 PUBLIC ART POLICY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – 12.1.4  
Develop a Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy.***

**Background:**

Council's 2014/15 Operational Plan includes the action - *Develop a Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy.*

Community consultation for the Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy occurred between February and May 2015. A total of sixty nine responses were received. Fifty eight community members completed surveys. Four community focus group sessions were held, attended by a total of seven people. Four people completed an on-line survey.

This report provides a snapshot of survey and focus group responses.

**Issues:**

*Definition of public art*

Seventy six percent of responses defined public art as being accessible, free and located in a public space. Comments were made on the nature of the art work (temporary or permanent) and diversity of medium (12%), responses also included the intention of the public art being a creative expression (10.2%).

*Benefit / importance of public art*

Forty two percent of responses involved public art providing a sense of place, identity or pride. The next highest response involved the beautification of a space or the ability to attract people to a space (21.7%). Other responses identified art as bringing people together, conveying community values and providing opportunity for cultural expression.

*Challenges to implementation of public art*

The majority of respondents identified damage/graffiti as the greatest challenge to implementing public art (47%). The second highest response involved the aesthetics of the artwork (27.5%). This included the question of "what is good art" and who decides upon this. The issue of acquiring funds, ongoing maintenance costs and negative community reaction were also raised.

*Location of public art*

The most popular response to this question involved art installation at town entry points and main streets (85.5%), other responses included empty shop fronts, parks & gardens, utilities, buildings and "any public space".



### Criteria for selection of public art

The highest response to this question involved community involvement as a criteria for selection of public art (29.5%), (including the creation of a selection panel made up of community members), followed by cost and value for money (16%), and aesthetics (14%). Other responses included durability of materials, creative message, environmental fit and community relevance.

### Criteria for removal or relocation of public art

The majority of responses (60%) identified the impact on the community as the main factor in removing or relocating art. Other responses included age of artwork, cultural relevance to community, cost and safety issues.

### Council's responsibility / role

Consultation with the community received the highest response to this question (30%), followed by maintenance of artwork (19%) and promotion of artwork (18.5%). Other responses included the coordination of public art projects, support and encourage public art and fund public art.

### Community responsibility / role

A high importance was placed on community members being part of the decision making process by being involved with a section panel (33.6%). Other responses included participate in consultation (22%), appreciate and support public art (28.6%), and for community members to respect decisions that they may not agree with (12.5%).

### Artist responsibility/ role

The majority of responses involved delivering artwork to the agreed brief / contract (41%), followed by accepting decisions by selection panel (27%). Other response included being responsible for creative ideas and promoting art work.

### Purpose of public art

Thirty two percent of respondents identified public art as portraying a community sense of place, importance was also placed on art reflecting cultural diversity (28%). Responses also included the purpose of public art as enhancing social and built environments by increasing attractiveness of spaces and providing opportunities for people to experience creative concepts.

### **Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

### **Financial Considerations:**

Nil.

**Options:**  
N/A

**Recommendation:**  
That Council notes the information contained in the Public Art Policy Community Consultation report.

**12.4 PUBLIC ART POLICY**

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – 12.1.4  
Develop a Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy.***

**Background:**

Council's 2014/15 Operational Plan includes the action - *Develop a Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy.*

Council's Public Art Policy aims to ensure that Public Art contributes to social and built environments and increases the attractiveness of Coonamble Shire as a place to live, work and visit.

**Issues:**

Community consultation for the Coonamble Shire Public Art Policy occurred between February and May 2015.

- Outback Arts co-hosted a community consultation meeting in Coonamble.
- An open invitation meeting was held at two eight two eight Café in Gulargambone.
- Focus group sessions were held for the Coonamble Community Working Party and the Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- Fifty eight community members completed paper surveys.
- Four people completed an on-line survey.

The draft Public Art Policy is attached as **APPENDIX E.**

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

Local Government Act 1993

**Financial Considerations:** Nil.

**Options:**

1. That Council endorse the Public Art Policy for adoption.
2. That Council not endorse the Public Art Policy for adoption.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council place the Public Art Policy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting submissions from the public, before formally adopting the policy.**

**LIANNE TASKER**

Director of Community Services

1 June 2015

**13. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015**

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

Total Combined Rate Collections to 31/05/2015 compared to 31/05/2014:

	<b>31/05/2015</b>	<b>31/05/2014</b>
Arrears 30 <sup>th</sup> June previous year	777,517.49	791,468.50
Plus 2014/2015 Combined Levy	5,839,776.11	5,695,127.88
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS LEVY</b>	<b>6,617,293.58</b>	<b>6,486,596.38</b>
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(64,795.20)	(62,753.54)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(53,014.25)	(51,343.80)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR</b>	<b>6,499,484.13</b>	<b>6,372,499.04</b>
Less Collections	(5,586,264.72)	(5,396,418.40)
Plus Refunds	-	-
<b>NET TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>913,219.41</b>	<b>976,080.64</b>
Plus Postponed	-	-
<b>GROSS TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>913,219.41</b>	<b>976,080.64</b>
Collection % of Total Receivable	85.95%	84.95%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	14.05%	15.05%

**Recommendation:**  
**Submitted for Council's information.**

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS – MAY 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 - 27/08/2015	2.85%	90 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 24/09/2015	2.85%	120 Days	500,000.00
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	A2	Term Deposit - 30/07/2015	2.85%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 03/07/2015	3.00%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 17/07/2015	2.80%	91 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 24/08/2015	2.70%	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	A2	Term Deposit - 27/08/2015	2.90%	90 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 10/09/2015	2.90%	105 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 25/08/2015	2.80%	90 Days	1,500,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 15,500,000</b>

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	A2	13%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	13%	35%	2,000,000
ME Bank	A2	23%	35%	3,500,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	3%	10%	500,000
				<b>\$ 15,500,000</b>

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	48%	100%	7,500,000
A1	0%	80%	-
A2	48%	60%	7,500,000
Unrated	3%	30%	500,000
			<b>\$ 15,500,000</b>
<b>General Fund Investments</b>			<b>9,351,545</b>
<b>Sewerage Investment Fund</b>			<b>3,710,611</b>
<b>Water Investment Fund</b>			<b>2,437,844</b>
			<b>\$ 15,500,000</b>

**Recommendation:**

**That the list of investments as at 31 May 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.**

<b>13.3 INVESTMENT POLICY</b>
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***Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:  
L1.4.06 Review Council Policies***

**Background:**

During the May 2015 Council meeting, questions were raised as to the opportunities available to Council to invest funds under the current regulatory guidelines to improve Council's diminishing return on Investments.

**Issues:**

Historically, Council has invested in short term maturity "term deposits" and "on call" accounts for the majority of its investments. Following the release of Basel Committee for banking supervision draft liquidity standards for the global banking system (Basel 111), which come into force in January 2015 in Australia this has served to further drive down returns on short term investments. Basically these new rules tighten the way in which a bank must account for its funding in order to ensure that it is more stable and to avoid the sort of Bank runs that led to the collapse of the Banks during the GFC.

What Basel III now does is ensure that liquidity has a price. Namely the price to the institution offering it to their clients and, given the bank bears this burden, inevitably the cost is transferred onto investors. It all boils down to global regulators wanting banks to unwind some of the maturity transformation (long term mortgages– short term funding) they perform in the economy. The impact on this for investors is that if they want to hold their deposits either at call or on terms under 30 days, the resulting penalty the bank has to pay by holding additional liquidity (which has its own cost) is passed onto depositors via lower rates.

Conversely there is a potentially higher relative yield for longer-term deposits. If an investor can arrange their investments in such a manner as to "structure" and "ladder" their maturity profile with smaller deposits maturing more frequently (say fortnightly) they can eventually roll them longer (say 180 days) to enjoy all the benefits of a virtual cash portfolio through the frequent (fortnightly) maturities but with a running yield far greater (through the 180 day deposits) than the prevailing cash rate. Council staff is currently in the process of re-structuring its investment portfolio to achieve these higher yields.

A copy of the Council's investment policy as well as Investment Policy Guidelines from the OLG has been included for Councils information.

**APPENDIX F.**

**Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Ministerial Investment Order
- Office of Local Government Circulars
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

- Local Government Amendment Code of Accounting Practice and Finance Reporting
- Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Options:** N/A

**Recommendation:  
For Council's information**



## 13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

### Urban Services:

- Works program continues to focus on improving the presentation of open spaces - during the last month particular focus has been on improving the presentation of the Coonamble showground for the Annual Show and Rodeo
- Council has received advice from the contractor that he will be commencing works on the replacement of the cricket nets on the 15/06/2015
- Installation of the playground equipment in Quambone has been completed. Currently staff is awaiting supply and delivery of soft fall material to complete the project. It is anticipated that the project will be finalised by the 12/06/2015



### Vandalism Update:

- Incidents of vandalism have been limited over the past month
- The current cost vandalism to Council facilities for the 2014/15 financial year is \$28,589.

### Pools:

- Council has received its survey of the Coonamble Pool and grounds and has forwarded this information onto an architect for some initial design drawings.

**Buildings:**

- Repairs to the ceiling in the office area of the Senior Citizens building have been completed.
- Structural engineer has been engaged to provide condition reports on several of Councils buildings.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information contained in this item be noted.**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director of Corporate and Urban Services  
2 June 2015

**14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 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.

**(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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 95% of works has been completed.

**(e) Sewerage:**

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



**B55 Castlereagh Hwy (SH18) - Culvert works**

- Works Scheduled to Commence

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



**SR2 Tooraweenah Road – Shoulder Widening/Heavy Patching 28 May 2015**

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

- Works Completed.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Cost (if relevant)</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Maintenance grading shire roads 2,3,7,16,19,30,46,54,97		
2	Reforming 30, 38, 60B, MR202		
3	SR4 Emby Rd – Reseal		
4	SR3 Goorianawa Rd - Reseal		
5	SR86 Carinda - Final Seal on RTR works		
6	SR86 Carinda Rd - Reseal		
7	Aerodrome – Heavy Patch		



Dubbo Street Coonamble – Dish drain construction

- Works In Progress.

Item	Task	Cost (if relevant)	Comments
1	MR7515 Warren Road – Shoulder Widening		
2	Dubbo St Dish Drain		
3	Storm Water Drains – West Coonamble – Removal of material following cleaning		

- 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	SR14 Quabathoo Rd Culverts		
8	K&G Castlereagh St (Artesian Motel)		

**(h) Levee:**

- Under construction. Project completion date extended due to wet weather. Expected completion 20 June 2015. 95% of works completed on 01 May 2015.
- Optional addition section of the levee between CH. 2550 to Ch2720 completed



**Coonamble Levee**

**(i) Quarry:**

- Current major orders include: RMS Newel HWY 8,000.00 tonnes and RMS B55 Castlereagh Hwy 20,000.00 tonnes
- RMS B55 Castlereagh Hwy 70% completed.
- RMS Newel HWY completed.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information contained in this item be noted**

**14.2 COONAMBLE SHIRE DRINKING WATER SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**13.1 Deliver safe drinking water & sewerage services**

**13.1.4 Ensure water assets are well maintained.**

**Background:**

Coonamble Shire Council operates three drinking water supply systems:

1. Coonamble Drinking Water Supply System (Coonamble DWSS)
2. Gulargambone Drinking Water Supply System (Gulargambone DWSS)
3. Quambone Drinking Water Supply System (Quambone DWSS)

**Issues:**

**(i) Coonamble DWSS:**

Treated water is distributed to consumers in the township of Coonamble via 49km of reticulation mains. Parts of the reticulation system were constructed in the 1950s, many of which are scheduled to be replaced between 2011-2016.

- Water Source - three groundwater bores located in Coonamble Township
- Water Treatment – Coonamble Water Treatment Plant including coagulation and flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.
- Transfer System – Pumps x 2 at 72l/s flow, twin 300mm diameter PVC
- Reticulation Network – wide range of diameter ranging from 100mm to 250mm pipework mainly AC pipes with some recently replaced with PVC pipes various sizes.
- Reservoirs – No.3 1.0ML, No.4 – 1.0ML, No.5 5ML- all reservoirs have common inlet and outlet.
- Population serviced – 2,500

**(ii) Gulargambone DWSS:**

The Gulargambone drinking water supply distribution system supply water to the Township and two Aboriginal missions. Disinfected bore water is reticulated via 1.2 ML reservoir through 12 km of trunk and reticulation mains.

- Water Source - two groundwater bores located in Gulargambone Township
- Water Treatment – Disinfection.
- Transfer System – 150mm diameter PVC
- Reticulation Network – wide range of diameter ranging from 100mm to 150mm pipework mainly AC pipes with some recently replaced with PVC pipes various sizes.
- Reservoirs – 1.20ML - reservoir has common inlet and outlet.
- Population serviced – 650

**(iii) Quambone DWSS:**

The Quambone drinking water supply is a groundwater system established in 1956 and supplies village of Quambone and Aboriginal settlement. Ground water from Quambone bore is pumped to a 140 kL ground storage tank and subsequently pumped to two elevated storage tanks of 10.3 kL capacity each. Water is reticulated by gravity to consumers from two elevated tanks via 3.3km of trunk and reticulation mains.

- Water Source - one groundwater bores located in Quambone Township
- Water Treatment – Disinfection.
- Transfer System – 150mm diameter AC
- Reticulation Network – 100mm pipework mainly AC pipes.
- Reservoirs – Ground tank 140kl, elevated storage tanks 2x10.3kL
- Population serviced – 70

**WATER SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT**

The NSW Office of Water (2014) has stated that distribution system integrity is a key barrier to ensuring the safety of drinking water and to prevent microbial contamination. It is therefore extremely important for Council to maintain the condition of their distribution systems, including reservoirs, trunk and reticulation mains, to ensure that these assets have adequate capacity and to reduce risk for secondary contamination.

**(i) Risk Assessment Coonamble DWSS**

- Water Source - three groundwater bores located in Coonamble Township – **moderate risk**
- Water Treatment – Coonamble Water Treatment Plant including coagulation and flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. – - **high risk** - due to the design faults and as constructed “bottlenecks” especially due to the poor performance of the sedimentation system.
- Transfer System
  - twin 300mm diameter PVC – low risk – recently constructed
  - pumps - **high risk** – potential power supply faults.
- Reticulation Network – wide range of diameter ranging from 100mm to 250mm pipework mainly AC pipes with some recently replaced with PVC pipes various sizes. – **moderate risk** – reticulation network is in reasonable condition considering its age.
- Reservoirs – No.3 1.0ML, No.4 – 1.0ML, No.5 5ML- all reservoirs have common inlet and outlet – high risk – Reservoir No.3 – High risk – needs immediate replacement or decommissioning.



**(ii) Risk Assessment Gulargambone DWSS**

- Water Source - two groundwater bores located in Gulargambone Township – **High Risk** – bores casings corroded.
- Water Treatment – Disinfection. – **Low Risk**
- Transfer System – 150mm diameter PVC – **Low Risk**
- Reticulation Network – wide range of diameter ranging from 100mm to 150mm pipework mainly AC pipes with some recently replaced with PVC pipes various sizes– **Low Risk**
- Reservoirs – 1.20ML - reservoir has common inlet and outlet – **Low Risk**

**(iii) Risk Assessment Quambone DWSS**

- Water Source - one groundwater bores located in Quambone Township - **High Risk** – bores casings corrode.
- Water Treatment – Disinfection– **Low Risk**
- Transfer System – 150mm diameter AC– **Low Risk**
- Reticulation Network – 100mm pipework mainly AC pipes– **Low Risk**.
- Reservoirs – Ground tank 140kl, elevated storage tanks 2x10.3kL **High Risk** – corroded.

**WATER SECURITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

The highest risks to water supply security system in the Coonamble Shire are:

1. Integrity of the water supply bores and Coonamble WTP capacity and independence.
2. Integrity of the trunk mains.

Consequently the proposed water security improvement program seeks investments in upgrades and replacement of the assets as depicted in the summary table furnished below.

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Coonamble Groundwater Bores	Pump replacement with variable speed submersible pumps	\$450,000.00
Coonamble Water Treatment Plant	Standby Generator	\$150,000.00
Coonamble Water Treatment Plant	Sedimentation Tank	\$750,000.00
Coonamble Trunk Main	Replace 225AC Main in Castlereagh Street	\$150,000.00
Coonamble Reservoir No.3	Decommission	\$50,000.00
Gulargambone Groundwater Bore	Decommission existing and construct new bore	\$325,000.00
Quambone Groundwater Bore	Pump replacement with variable speed submersible pumps	\$50,000.00
Quambone Elevated Tanks	Replace existing Elevated tanks	\$100,000.00
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$1,975,000.00</b>

**PETER CHUDEK**

Director of Engineering Services

3 June 2015

**15. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2015**

**15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – MAY 2015**

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

**Compliance Issues** - Council has had seven non compliances during the month – all have been issued with infringement notices.

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b><u>May 2015</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date 2014/2015 Total</u></b>
Official Correspondence	35	236
Infringements (Animals)	7	92
Infringements (Other)	0	12
Microchipped dogs	20	226
Registrations	3	92
Nuisance dog declaration	0	1
Dangerous dog declaration	0	4
Restricted dog declaration	0	0
<b>Impoundments</b>		
Dogs	37	254
Cats	25	122
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>TOTAL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>376</b>
Motor vehicle	0	2
<b>Breakdown of impoundments</b>		
Dogs Euthanized	15	132
Dogs surrendered by owner	21	137
Dogs re-housed	22	98
Dogs released	0	25
Cats Euthanized	14	96
Cats re-housed	11	17
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	4	42
Quambone dogs impounded	2	4

## **DOG ATTACKS**

Council has had to deal with two dog attacks this month. Both have been dealt with in accordance with the Companion Animal Act and appropriate action taken in each case.

<p><b>Recommendation:</b> <b>That Council note the information</b></p>
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**MATTHEW COCK**  
Manager – Environmental Services  
1 June 2015

**16. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER – ADOPTION OF  
OPERATIONAL PLAN  
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015**

**16.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

In accordance with Chapter 13 Part II of the Local Government Act 1993 Council prepared a draft Operational Plan which was considered by Council at the Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2015. Further, Council was required to give public notice under Sections 404 and 405 of the Act which provided for public exhibition and submissions regarding the contents of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Council has adopted the permissible rate increase of 2.4%.

It is now necessary to adopt the Operational Plan. Further, Council is required to take into consideration any submissions received. The closing date for receipt of submissions is 5.00p.m. Friday 5 June 2015. Any submissions received will be tabled at the meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

**Recommendation:**

**That in accordance with Sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the Operational Plan, after considering submissions received, noting that the Operational Plan was advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015.**

**16.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES**

**(a) Ordinary Rates**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be made and levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$	Minimum (\$548)
Ordinary	1.24	420.00
Farmland	0.415	350.00
Small Rural Holdings	0.701	465.00
Rural Residential	0.66	420.00
Business	2.150	480.00

**(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

**(i) Water:**

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$)	Usage Charge 1 <sup>st</sup> Tier (c/kl)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	210.00	70	370	1.10
Gulargambone	272.00	80	430	1.25
Quambone	272.00	80	430	1.25

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm metre)	210.00	272.00	272.00
Access charge (25mm metre)	330.00	427.00	427.00
Access charge (40mm metre)	840.00	1,088.00	1,088.00
Access charge (50mm metre)	1,313.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Access charge (75mm metre)	2,953.00	3,824.00	3,824.00
Access charge (80mm metre)	3,360.00	4,352.00	4,352.00
Access charge (100mm metre)	5,250.00	6,800.00	6,800.00

**(ii) Sewer:**

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

**(iii) Residential:**

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge (\$)
Coonamble – Residential	479.00
Gulargambone – Residential	660.00
Coonamble - Flats	402.00
Gulargambone – Flats	551.00

**(iv) Non-Residential:**

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

Coonamble \$479.00 and  
Gulargambone \$660.00

Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

<b>(v) Treatment Charge – per kilolitre:</b>	
Coonamble	88 cents/kl
Gulargambone	104 cents/kl

**(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)**

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 as follows:

Coonamble	\$280.00
Gulargambone	\$365.00
Quambone	\$315.00
Vacant Land	\$ 48.00

**Commercial Waste Management Charge:**

Coonamble	\$280/service
Gulargambone	\$365/service
Quambone	\$315/service

**(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges**

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set as per the Determination of the Minister for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June, 2016 @ 8.5%.

**(e) Fees and Charges:****(i) Submission – Proposed Fees & Charges 2015/2016**

Council has received a suggestion from the Grants and Events Officer to consider including the following charges applicable to the Museum Under the Bridge with the adopted Fees & Charges for 2015/2016:

- \$2.00 admission fee per adult
- \$1.00 admission fee per child
- \$100.00 for use of grounds (including toilets and electricity) for functions and community events (excluding access to the exhibition buildings)
- \$150.00 for use of grounds (including toilets and electricity) for functions and community events (including access to the exhibition buildings).

***Recommendation:***

***That Council approve the above charges applicable to admission and use of grounds at the Museum Under the Bridge and they be included in the adopted Fees and Charges for 2015/2016.***

**WHEREAS** the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period one submission was received regarding making of the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

### 16.3 ADOPTION OF 2015/2016 ESTIMATES

**Recommendation:**

*That Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 6 May 2015 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 13 May, 20 May and 27 May 2015, details of which are as follows:*

<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>8,904,550</b>	<b>12,044,926</b>
<b>Public Order &amp; Safety</b>	<b>374,954</b>	<b>116,300</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>375,250</b>	<b>3,300</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>994,065</b>	<b>457,650</b>
<b>Community Services &amp; Education</b>	<b>119,266</b>	<b>2,800</b>
<b>Housing &amp; Community Amenities</b>	<b>307,930</b>	<b>175,400</b>
<b>Water Supplies</b>	<b>1,244,195</b>	<b>1,413,080</b>
<b>Sewerage Services</b>	<b>1,179,457</b>	<b>1,018,312</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>1,626,492</b>	<b>82,300</b>
<b>Mining, Manufacturing &amp; Construction</b>	<b>1,812,480</b>	<b>1,831,580</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Communication</b>	<b>6,487,826</b>	<b>4,397,144</b>
<b>Economic Services</b>	<b>688,632</b>	<b>291,770</b>
<b>Capital - General</b>	<b>7,364,575</b>	<b>5,758,950</b>
<b>Capital – Water</b>	<b>533,055</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Capital – Sewerage</b>	<b>557,687</b>	<b>269,210</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,520,414</b>	<b>27,862,722</b>

**RICK WARREN**  
General Manager

**17. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

**17.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE HERITAGE AND  
MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HELD AT THE MUSEUM  
UNDER THE BRIDGE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015, COMMENCING AT  
10.50 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cr Michael Webb (Chair), Angie Little (Hon Curator), Gordon Ditchfield, Helen Cant, Jennie Geerdink (CSC Grants and Events Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** Cr John Walker, Eric Fisher, Marion Murray  
(MOVED Webb, SECONDED Little)

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MOVED Ditchfield SECONDED Little the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted. CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil

**ONGOING BUSINESS** – Cr Webb is continuing to follow up on information on Tin Town, bricks and the stagecoach relocation.

**CURATOR'S REPORT:**

- There have been 68 visitors to the Museum in 2015.
- The Coonamble Writers Group has visited the Museum on two occasions for their meetings.
- Other visitors include: a volunteer from Tumut Museum; Ian Haycock who has built the billycart for the William Baccon display.
- Tentative bookings include: Gilgandra Cooe information centre workers; a school from near Collarenebri; two family reunions.
- Facebook friends now number 1481.

(MOVED Little SECONDED Webb the Curators report be accepted)  
CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The GEO outlined the next steps in the preservation of the Neville Owen Collection, with documentation and procedural steps now being developed to ensure the proper preservation and cataloguing of the collection

A brief discussion was held on the promotion of the Museum, with the potential for increased hours. The meeting agreed that Chairman Webb would call a meeting to specifically focus on promotional issues.



The meeting ratified the move to set formal fees and charges for the Museum and grounds.

Angie Little reported Nacka Kennedy has held discussions with her regarding cart rides between his museum and the Museum Under the Bridge. This will be progressed after the decision on fees and charges.

Chairman Webb and the GEO will coordinate a working bee for the slab shed at the rear of the Museum Grounds

Meeting closed 11.40am.

**17.2 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COONAMBLE EMPLOYMENT  
CIRCLE HELD IN THE CSC COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 19  
MAY 2015 AT 11.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Trish Butler (Joblink), Lee O'Connor (CSC), Leah Burnheim (TAFE), Chris Suey (Centrelink), Sandra Harrison (CRTC), Deon Allen (MPREC).

**Apologies:** Kate Keizer (CNC), David Floyd (Breakthru), Cr John Walker (CSC), Andrew Rose (DAA), Colin Shuttleworth (APM), Michelle Payne (DPM&C), Shane Kilby (TAFE), Jenny Caslick (MA), Tracey Barkley (MA), Wayne Cole (Centrelink), Margaret Mulcahy, Duncan Lovelock (CHS)

**Notes: Lee O'Connor**

**1. Agency / Staff Changes**

- 1.1 **Sureway** – Michelle Shields has commenced in Coonamble office.
- 1.2 **APM** – APM office will close 30 June.
- 1.3 **Changes to Job Services Contracts** – from June 30 – not clear how caseload is to be distributed. BEST Employment advise they will not be servicing Coonamble.

**ACTION:** Invite Howard Aldis, Department of Employment, to June meeting to provide overview of coming changes including advice on how Work for the Dole will operate.

- 1.4 **MPREC Industry Employment & Project Co-ordinator** – Deon Allen has transferred to this new role across the Murdi Paaki region with focus on 'designated remote' area. Is currently setting up Language Hubs and Men's Groups in Walgett & Lightning Ridge. Walgett Men's Group will be producing and selling Aboriginal Arts/Crafts.

**ACTION:** Leah B to send Deon information on the Arts Admin short course on how to organise and market art/craft.

- 1.5 **NCAP (New Careers for Aboriginal People)** – position vacated by Deon is funded to end of 2015 and is currently being advertised.
- 1.6 **AEDO (Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer)** – now under MPREC with Chris Wykes appointed to the position.
- 1.7 **CHS Careers Adviser** – Annie McLoughlin has taken a position in CHS Support Unit. Judy Suttor has been appointed and is expected to start work next week. Temporary in position to end 2015.

**2. Employment Pathways**

2.1 **Field Day/Expo for Employers at CHS** – date still to be confirmed by Minister's office. Likely to be late July or August. Focus will be on inviting employers in agriculture, construction, metals, automotive, hospitality and possibly business/retail. Employers will be able to see the work being

undertaken by students. All Connected Communities schools are eligible to have a stall. Organisations who currently work with CHS will also be invited to have a stall to promote their connection with the school and the work they do there. Eg. Mission Australia works with Wellbeing Head Teacher. Interviews are being held this week for a Field Day Event Co-ordinator position. Once this person and Careers Adviser have commenced, they will become source of info and contact for other organisations.

**ACTION:** CHS to advise date as soon as it is confirmed.  
Lee to invite Careers Adviser and Field Day Co-ordinator to next CEC meeting.

### **3. Community Working Party**

Working Party meetings have been held to revise their Action Plan and align it with the OCHRE strategy.

**ACTION:** Lee to invite Ted Fernando to discuss how CEC can support the Working Party with the employment and economic development strands of OCHRE.

### **4. Driver Licensing**

**4.1 Drive Your Life** – the final report from Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre was tabled. Overall, 25 scholarships for a total 140 hours of driving lessons with KMC Driver Training have been awarded to assist local people in possession of a Learner's Permit to obtain their Driver's Licence. The participants are aged between 16 and 33 years with 12 individuals identifying as being of Aboriginal descent. The majority of participants have completed their lessons and 9 have already obtained their licence. The Volunteer Driver Mentor training did not go ahead in April due to the limited number of volunteers being available at that time.

Youthsafe have advised that a dual-control vehicle is not necessary for a Driver Mentor Program. Trish has asked the Joblink Driver Training Co-ordinator to attend CEC meetings. Deon suggested that Driver Mentoring could be a Voluntary Work Experience activity for registered jobseekers. Agreed that access to a vehicle would be necessary.

**ACTION:** Lee/Kate to follow up with Transport NSW re their funding for Driver Mentor Programs.  
Trish to provide Joblink Driver Training Co-ordinator contact details to Lee for invitation to attend.  
Deon to inquire re the whereabouts/availability of the little yellow MPREC car.

**4.2 Birrang Enterprise Development Company** – initial results provided post meeting by Birrang as follows:

- 5 People achieved their Learner Licence, 4 of those were under 25 years 1 was over 25 years
- 8 people achieved their Provisional licence, 4 were under 25 years and 4 were over 25 years

- There is still 1 person attempting the driving test with her test booking on the 26/5/15 at 1.30pm. If successful she will achieve a P1 licence. We will keep you informed of the result.
- The only issues were low attendance for pre-learners.

#### **4.3 Heavy Vehicle Driver Licensing** – Leah B advised that Neil Milton (TAFE) has not been available.

**ACTION:** Leah to follow up via a different contact within TAFE.

### **5. Centrelink**

**5.1 Mobile Service Centre** – the van is available to attend community events if available and requested with sufficient notice. Please contact Chris Suey to make the request.

**5.2 Public Presentation on Self Service** – revised dates are Friday 29 May and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. DHS are unable to pay the \$385 needed to hire the TAFE computer room. Options are to find another source of funds or to seek an alternate venue. Agreed that fallback venue would be MPREC Training Centre with computers provided by MPREC. Joblink are funding sandwiches. Sandra and Deb are making slices. TAFE are providing tea, coffee, etc and access to their tea room. Kate K will do Facebook. Chris tabled a draft flyer which was accepted pending confirmation of venue.

**ACTION:** Deon to investigate funding for TAFE venue or use of Training Centre and computers and advise Lee by email on Friday.  
Chris to seek permission for radio appearance on local community radio.

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

#### **5.4 Other operational matters** –

- Wayne Cole to investigate how to get improved feedback from their Participation Teams re compliance; and how to ensure phone interviews occur on schedule.

- Other issues – DHS comes up as a ‘private’ number and some customers will not answer.

Question re medical exemptions not being granted. Chris explained that if they have been assess previously by DHS and deemed to have some capacity for work this will affect the medical exemption.

**ACTION:** Seek feedback on above from DHS staff before next meeting.

### **6. Local Workforce Planning & Development**

**6.1 Local Training Plan** - Survey of Local Business – Lee has discussed with UTS Shopfront. They generally work in Sydney metro area. Have referred the query to another section of UTS and also Macquarie Uni’s PACE program. Regardless of which uni, students are likely to be available from first week in August to end November.

**ACTION:** Leah to make inquiries re CSU and UNE programs.

**6.2 Castlereagh Abattoir** - Joblink, Deon Allen and TAFE are now working to assist with workforce recruitment and training. Mayor has advised that issues with EPA have held progress. Owners unwilling to appoint staff until approval is finalised so as not to incur operating costs before production can commence.

## **7. Training**

**7.1 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** – initial interest in the Literacy for Life campaign has now been received from Ted Fernando (CWP), CHS Connected Communities Reference Group and Jamie Sampson, TAFE. Jack Beetson will provide dates for a meeting to start a community conversation about potential to run the campaign in Coonamble.

**ACTION:** Lee to circulate dates when available.

**8.2 NAIDOC & Indigenous Funding** - Leah advised that TAFE will be submitting an EOI for Financial Literacy training. Agreed that this is a critical need across the community.

**8.3 River Cleanup** – project scoping underway. Coonamble Environment Group will have a stand at the Show tomorrow to survey community members. Suggested that Sureway be contacted as the Work for the Dole co-ordinators for the region.

**8.4 Work for the Dole** – queries re rules surrounding new Work for the Dole program will hopefully be clarified by Howard Aldis or another rep from Department of Employment. Issues re supervision, insurance, PPE (personal protective equipment) etc.

Discussion re impact of drought on unemployment as reflected in increased caseload of JSAs, and potential for drought projects following the Federal Government's recent announcement.

Project ideas: Driver Mentors, River Cleanup, Railway Station repair, Gulargambone Riverwalk maintenance, Church Hall painting, Talent Scout Art Studio painting, School Canteens.

**ACTION:** Lee to investigate potential Drought Employment Project funding. Discuss Work for the Dole projects at next meeting.

Meeting closed 12.00pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015, 11am.

**17.3 MINUTES OF MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CSC COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 12 MAY 2015 AT 5.45 P.M.**

***Committee Mission:*** *To attract new investment to the district and help existing Coonamble Shire businesses to grow.*

**Present:** Mayor A Karanouh, A Dent, D Swansborough, D Taylor, D Swansborough, Cr D Keady, L O'Connor (CSC EDM).

**Guests:** Felicity Taylor-Edwards, CEO, RDA Orana  
Louise Kiely, Carbon Consultant, Carbon Farmers of Australia  
Julia Taylor, Don McKenzie. (farm businesses). [Note: meeting was open to all Shire Councillors, local farmers and business-people]

**Apologies:** Cr T Cullen, Cr B Burnheim, J Nalder, R Warren (GM).

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 18.11.14 be accepted as a true and accurate record. D Taylor/D Swansborough CARRIED.

**2. Business Arising**

2.1 Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station – RMS representative will come up to review the plans once they have been adjusted by Batterline. Milton Ralston is currently very busy with rebuilding the levee bank. They advise he will get onto it as soon as he can.

2.2 Abattoir – Dubbo EPA staff were not available for the most recent inspection so Sydney staff attended and took photos to forward to Dubbo staff. Abattoir owners have had little luck contacting Dubbo EPA. Has been left with the project consultant to follow up. EPA is due to sign off on 13.5 but Abattoir owners are 'sitting down' to wait for final EPA sign-off as they are reluctant to proceed in case of further delays.

2.3 Aircraft Engineering Facility – Council's Environmental Services section is waiting on detailed site plans from Aero Club before processing DA.

2.4 Passenger Air Services – Violet Shores are expanding their market research to a wider geographic area. The NSW Government's contribution to the 'triangular route' Walgett, Bourke, Dubbo is having impact.

2.5 Eco Spa – Council has been required to put the development opportunity out to full tender. Local Government Procurement consultants are assisting with the process to ensure all probity and legal issues are covered. Plan is to commence advertising mid June.

2.6 Clean Energy – Department of Environment ran Energy Management Training for local businesses on 5&6 May with support from EDM and Chamber. 19 businesses attended. All who attended were happy with what they gained. Most benefit will be gained by larger energy users.

2.7 Alternative Public Art Project – **Report back by team investigating public art project due at next meeting.**

2.8 Warrena Weir Lake Upgrade – progress not known.  
Cr Keady and Julia Taylor arrived.

### 3. Presentation by RDA Orana

- 3.1 Orana Carbon Project and the Emissions Reduction Scheme (ERF) –
- RDA sees the ERF as a good opportunity for our region. The ERF turns carbon trading into a good business and environmental proposition.
  - ERF is not a grant but a business proposition. The same attention is required as any business proposition. Requires a reasonable level of effort due to the level of complexity involved.
  - The Government aims to change business and farming practice on a large scale to meet their goal of 5% emissions reduction by 2020.

Don McKenzie arrived.

- The ERF is not just about reducing energy use, it is a carbon reduction.
- Farming was where it first gained traction. Now it covers a broad spectrum including Council waste, Qantas fuel use, major transport companies...
- Government mantra is maximum abatements for lowest price. They are looking for big carbon bang for their buck.
- RDA created the **Orana Carbon Project** to maximise the opportunities for this region to compete with Qantas and other big players. RDA role is to raise awareness and provide connections for business in the region so they can take up the opportunity if they wish. It is a 'take it or leave it' arrangement.
- ERF is allocated via a silent, reverse auction where costed projects are put forward and assessed for their value and feasibility.
- Assessment is based on the use of approved methodologies ie. the cost of achieving a certain amount of carbon savings.
- Carbon experts in these methodologies need to be involved in developing projects. Eg. soil carbon, fuel emissions, waste management (biodigesters).
- For small to medium businesses, aggregation is most likely way forward. There are private aggregators in the market who will work with farmers/businesses and take the risk.
- There will be a market for carbon which will operate similar to the market for water.

- RDA Orana is not an aggregator but a facilitator. Want people to be aware of the opportunity. \$300million came into this region from the first auction.
- Currently, there is a requirement that farmers must have had a Property Vegetation Plan (PVP) completed prior to 2010 to be eligible. This may change.

D McKenzie: Many local farmers have already changed their practices in the past 10 years or so, which cuts diesel use or stores carbon. How will these early-adopters benefit now?

- There is a 'newness' rule which excludes practices already in place. If a changeover in machinery is planned, or new activities, it is not too late. Getting together as a community, in partnership with Council or other big entities, is a good approach.

How do businesses measure their carbon savings/production?

- There is a government calculator available Fulcam. However, Carbon Market Providers will do a lot of it for you to see if there's a project in it.
- Some projects are measurement based, some are modelled.
- If you were to do it as a group you would not outlay \$ until you get a financial contract.
- Existing trees = business as usual in terms of ACCUs produced (Australian Carbon Credit Unit). New vegetation, avoided clearing or under-soil carbon are potential propositions.
- There is currently a company with a contract who are seeking farmer aggregation to deliver changed livestock management, apply compost, change fertiliser, bury tractor emissions etc.

D Taylor – aggregation sounds like a co-operative. Farmers have an aversion to anything like a co-operative model. Could work if facilitated by a trusted partner such as Council.

- There is an advantage in a cross-sectoral approach. Eg. combining waste treatment, with fuel reduction, with soil carbon management, and so on across local government, transport, refrigeration, cropping, livestock.
- The Carbon Market Institute has a list of agents who can assist.
- Discussion re other opportunities available to business (farm and non-farm) in our area.

Question of who pays the cost of creating an aggregation. Councils are more likely to want to work with other councils than private business, even though it is their own business communities who are their 'employers'.

- Next step for RDA Orana is to have more detailed discussions with Councils. ERF experts will be presenting to Councils in Coonamble on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1-4pm. Private business interests are also welcome to attend.



**ACTION: Mayor and EDM to invite businesses identified as having a potential interest in Emissions Reduction funding to the meeting on 27 May.**

**3.2 Regional Infrastructure Mapping –**

The first stage has now been completed. Consultants ARUP are now analysing and prioritising nominated projects on the basis of their capacity to grow the region (as compared to those that service the local population). Progress will be reported as it occurs.

Meeting closed 7.00pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Suggested 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every second month commencing**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**18. SALEYARDS REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

**18.1 SALES**

**CATTLE:**

Date	Type	Scale	Amount (\$)	VA	Amount (\$)	Total Cattle/ Sheep	Total Amount (\$)
08/05/15	Fat Sale	726	990.03	0	0.00	726	990.03
13/05/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	17	49.10
30/05/15	Private Weigh	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	49.10

<b>TOTALS:</b>	Scale	726 head	\$ 990.03
	Agents Levy	733 head	\$ 733.00
	Dues & Rent	733 head	\$2,798.76
	Private Weigh	19 head	\$ 98.20
	NLIS Tag Income		\$ 64.74
			<b>\$4,684.73</b>

**18.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2014 – 31/05/2015**

<b>Saleyards Operations:</b>	Income	\$ 73,999.11
	Expenditure	\$112,592.99
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 38,593.88</b>

**Truckwash :**

Income	\$19,556.07
Expenditure	\$10,615.27
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 8,940.80</b>

<b>Summary:</b>	Income	\$ 93,555.18
	Expenditure	\$123,208.26
	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 29,653.08</b>

<b>Saleyard Reserves:</b>	Balance 01/07/13	\$ 59,884.26
	Balance 01/07/14	\$ 39,426.95
	Operational result to date	\$ 29,653.08
<b>Reserve Balance at 31/05/2015</b>		<b>\$128,964.29</b>

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the information in the report.**

**BRUCE QUARMBY**

Director – Corporate & Urban Services  
 3 June 2015

**19. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

**NIL**

**20. GENERAL BUSINESS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**