

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
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**PRESENT:** Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Don Schieb, Bill Burnheim and Tom Cullen.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Tasker, the Director of Corporate and 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**

Mr Dave Nicol was at the meeting and the Mayor invited him to address Council. Mr Nicol referred to a tree from the footpath falling onto the fence at his daughter's residence and requested that Council arrange removal. Mr Nicol said he has been to Council's office on two occasions and spoken to staff, however no action has been taken. The Mayor said that Councillors would inspect the site after the meeting and roster appropriate work. Mr Nicol then left the meeting.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

**1677 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that apologies for non attendance be accepted from Crs Dan Keady and Ahmad Karanouh.

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Council had no deputations and/or delegations to address the meeting.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**(a) Extraordinary Meeting**

**1678 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Waker and Burnheim that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 September 2015 be confirmed.

**(b) Ordinary Meeting**

**1679 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 September 2015 be confirmed.

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**Business Arising from Minutes:**

Nil

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**1680 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

**8.1 Resolutions in Progress**

a) **Caravan Park+Eco Spa** – It has been agreed to delay advertising and ‘on site’ inspections until March 2016 when the weather will be more favourable. Problems with the plan of the Ablutions Block are being addressed and Councillors noted there is \$16,000 in the budget to correct this anomaly. When asked about the old amenities building, the Manager of Environmental Services advised that renovation of the building to provide for a caretaker’s living area would be completed by the end of 2015.

b) **Wheel Stops** – The General Manager advised the meeting that there has been no interest from the community, either for or against the installation of wheel stops. The Mayor said he has been approached by residents pointing out safety issues.

**9.0 MAYORAL REPORT - ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

At this stage, the Mayor presented his report, which included the following items:

**9.1 Opening of new police station - Walgett**

The meeting noted that the Mayor and General Manager attended this event on 21 September 2015. It was also noted they were able to have discussions with the Deputy Premier, Hon Troy Grant, and the Commander of the Castlereagh Local Area Command, Superintendent Jim Stewart. Supt Stewart indicated he would like to meet with Council to discuss policy issues at Coonamble.

**9.2 NAIDOC Day Celebrations**

The Mayor reported that he attended the Coonamble Local Aboriginal Lands Council office and raised the Flag for the commencement of celebrations for NAIDOC day.

**9.3 Outback Archies Exhibition**

Cr Webb officially opened the annual *Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines Exhibition* on 11 September. The exhibition was hosted by the local Arts Council.

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**9.4 Attendance at LGNSW Conference**

The Mayor reported that he returned from the Conference last night – Cr Keith Rhoades was re-elected President. Cr Webb said that it is his understanding there will be massive changes to city councils.

The General Manager said a report will be prepared for Council at the November meeting. Mr Warren said the Premier opened the Conference and the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole, MP was in attendance – he indicated that the government intends to proceed with the *Fit for the Future* process. Mr Warren said there were indications that councils will be “given one last chance” to lodge another submission to comply with the intention of the government reform process.

Council was advised that all submissions are on the IPART website – there have been a couple of voluntary amalgamations, however regarding the Western Councils, there has been no indication as to what the outcome will be. The General Manager said that reports are the implementation of Joint Organisations has been a resounding success. He said it would appear that JOCs would have an Executive Officer and support staff and Mayors of the participating councils would form the board of directors.

There will be a new Local Government Act next year – approximately July and the elections will go ahead in September 2016. The new Act will strengthen all provisions dealing with unruly, dysfunctional councils.

**1681 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Webb that the Mayor’s report be received and noted.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1682 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

**Section A – For Council’s Consideration:**

**10.1 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – LANDS R8-11**

**1683 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council advise the Department of Primary Industries that it has no objection to the closure of the following unconstructed Council roads:

- Lots 11, 39, 3, 19 & 20 DP754252 Teridgerie – application lodged by Stephen Pentes and Frederick Beck.
- Lot 2 DP1132699 Macquarie Marshes – application lodged by Marismas Investments Pty Ltd
- Lot 80 DP704141 Gulargambone – application lodged by Colin Readford.

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**10.2 COONAMBLE SHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL P1-13(46484)**

The Manager of Environmental Services advised that mowing of the recreational area at the Weir is being carried out on a fortnightly basis. Cr Cullen said when he inspected the site recently he was of the opinion that it was in a satisfactory condition. When asked whether the Aquatic Club Committee is still in existence, the Manager said there is an active committee.

**1684 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council contact the Coonamble Aquatic Club to ascertain its future plans for the recreational area at the weir, advising the Coonamble Shire Youth Council members have offered to assist in an initial clean up of the area and advise the Youth Council accordingly.

**10.3 GULARGAMBONE WAR MEMORIAL & MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL COMMITTEE D7(46568)**

Submitting a quote in the sum of \$4,560 from First Rate Flooring of Dubbo for proposed work on part of the Hall flooring.

Councillors noted that earlier this year, Council assisted the Committee by providing approximately \$11,000 to fund the purchase and installation of air conditioning at the Hall.

**1685 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council consider this request in conjunction with the 2016/2017 budget process and inform the Gulargambone War Memorial & Mechanics Institute Hall Committee accordingly.

**10.4 WATERFORD RYAN PR1911(46615)**

Enclosing Contract and Transfer documents for execution by Council in relation to the sale of No 23 Namoi Street, Coonamble.

**1686 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Walker and Burnheim that Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal to both the Contract and Transfer documents for the sale of No 23 Namoi Street, Coonamble (former Senior Citizens Centre).

**Section B – For Council’s Information:**

**10.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION G5(46352)**

Referring to Council’s special submissions in relation to the 2015-16 calculation of financial assistance grants and saying the Commission has given careful consideration to the disability issues raised by Council. Pointing out the local roads component model, which was developed by RMS allocates funds to

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councils on the basis of population, the length of local roads and the length of bridges on local roads.

Pointing out Coonamble receives an allowance because of its above average length of local roads for urban and non-urban unsealed categories of local road. Stating that in addition, in recent years, the Commission has increased the weighting applied to the unsealed local roads, which has resulted in increases in the general purpose component grants to rural councils, like Coonamble, with long lengths of unsealed local roads. Saying this is despite the paused indexation of the grants, which has resulted in a reduction in the overall grant allocation to NSW.

**10.6 OFFICE OF WATER W1(46362)**

Referring to Council's application for approval for an amended combined water supply work and use approval under s.95 of the *Water Management Act 2000* to construct and utilise a new bore ("Gulargambone No 3") for town water supply has been approved.

**10.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW S3(46359)**

Providing information about the LNSW Annual Conference, which included :

- Allocation of voting delegates
- Voting for Office Bearers and the Board vote
- Voting on motions
- Motions

A copy of the Conference Business Paper was included with Councillors' business papers for their information.

**10.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(46529)**

Presenting the annual report of LGNSW covering period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. Pointing out the consistent message from LGNSW as been one of support for reform that is evidence-based and promotes continuous improvement in service delivery, asset management and financial performance. Saying it has continually argued that we need to fix funding issues, then let communities decide whether or not amalgamation is the best option.

**10.9 MARK COULTON MP M3(46559)**

Congratulating Cr Webb on being elected Mayor – saying he knows the dedication and commitment required for the position and has every confidence in Cr Webb's ability to serve the residents well. Saying he believes it is important for him to be in regular contact with Mayors across his electorate to work together on relevant issues.

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**10.10 SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER NSW D5(46571)**

Advising the Small Business Friendly Councils (SBFC) Program was launched in September 2014 to facilitate better engagement with local government and small business across NSW. Pointing out that six SBFC Conferences have been delivered across regional and metropolitan NSW. Advising that the Program looks forward to another successful year and thanks Council for its commitment and support of small businesses in its LGA.

**10.11 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP – MEMBER FOR BARWON E3-1(46569)**

Acknowledging receipt of the Mayor's letter concerning possible job losses from Essential Energy in Coonamble. Advising he has made representations to Minister Roberts and will advise Council when a response is received. Also taking the opportunity to congratulate Cr Webb on his newly elected role as Mayor.

**10.12 GULARGAMBONE JOCKEY CLUB L3(46627)**

Thanking Council for its contribution of \$500 towards the luncheon and contributing to another successful race day on September 26. Advising that both the Gilgandra Weekly and Coonamble Times produced race day editorials and The Land will have pictorial coverage shortly.

**10.13 COONAMBLE BRANCH CWA L3(46632)**

Thanking Council for refunding the general portion of the Country Women's Association rate assessment again this year.

**10.14 NSW DIVISIONAL BRANCH – ELECTRICAL, ENERGY & SERVICES  
DIVISION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC,  
ENERGY, INFORMATION, POSTAL, PLUMBING AND ALLIED SERVICES  
UNION OF AUSTRALIA E3(46630)**

Raising concerns regarding the recent announcement by Essential Energy to axe 1400 regional jobs across NSW. Advising that three weeks ago ETU wrote to every regional Member of Parliament – only five responded, with none offering assistance; two agreed to meet with the union. Saying the union is now writing to all regional councils seeking support to save local jobs.

The meeting noted that the Mayor recently wrote to Mr Kevin Humphries, referring to the potential for two positions to be cut from the Coonamble depot of Essential Energy. In the letter, the Mayor conveyed concerns about services continually being withdrawn from rural areas by the State Government and, as Essential Energy is owned by the State Government, asking that Council's and the community's concerns be considered. Mr Humphries responded, saying he has made representations on behalf of Council. The General Manager informed the meeting that he has also approached this Union in regard to the potential changes affecting Coonamble.

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**1687 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.5 to 10.14 inclusive be noted.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**1688 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the following items be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

**10.15 THE HON WARREN TRUSS MP D9(46649)**

Advising that Coonamble Shire has been added to the list of "Declared Councils" and is eligible to submit proposals seeking funding of up to \$1.5 million to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Pointing out eligible projects must relate to economic, social and cultural infrastructure, safety and accessibility upgrades and/or town facility developments and upgrades.

Saying also that funding will be targeted at infrastructure projects that provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought; stimulate local community spending; use local resources, businesses and suppliers and/or provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

Finally, advising that a 'declared council' must seek DCP funding of at least \$25,000 per project and the DCP funded component of the project(s) must be scheduled to be completed on or before 30 June 2019.

**1689 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that Council note the information and identify projects that are eligible for DCP funding and a priority listing of selected projects.

The Mayor congratulated Cr Burnheim and Cr Cullen for their efforts in applying for Coonamble to be eligible for this funding. Both Councillors said that Council's Economic Development Manager should also be acknowledged, as she researched and prepared the information for submission.

Cr Burnheim referred to discussion at the Economic Development Committee meeting where the following suggestions were mentioned:

- Rehabilitation Centre – would provide ongoing economic benefit, there is a real need – could funds be sought to build and it become another facet of the health industry – long term project.
- Community Garden.
- Removal and repair of grids on public roads – would help farmers, especially those who have the ability to carry out the work themselves. The General Manager said Council would need to look at the process after approval.

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The General Manager said that suggestions and costings are to be presented to Council for consideration and, if acceptable, Council will forward to the Department of Infrastructure for approval. He said that Council should identify projects that can be done in the short term, as well as those needing to be scoped over a longer period.

**10.16 GULARGAMBONE PRE-SCHOOL D7(46650)**

Thanking Council for its donation to the recent Fathers Day fundraiser and stating that Council's generosity helped to raise \$3,000 for resources.

**1690 RESOLVED** on the motion of Burnheim and Walker that Council note the information from Gulargambone Pre-School.

**10.17 QUAMBONE PUBLIC SCHOOL L3(46687)**

Sending apologies for not being at the meeting, but they are away on an excursion. Forwarding a letter making suggestions for various works to be carried out.

A copy of the letter was handed to each Councillor. The students made suggestions for improvements in and around the village, which included the following:

- Toilets at the pool need refurbishing
- Sports oval needs to be turfed
- Sealing Carinda Road
- Provision of "Bus Stop" signs along bus routes
- Increased police presence in Quambone.)

**1691 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that Council acknowledge and thank the students of Quambone Public School for their letter and advise that when Council is preparing its draft budget for the 2016/2017 year, their requests will be determined for inclusion, or otherwise, prior to adopting the final budget.

**10.18 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(46684)**

Advising that Presentation of Awards Day will be held later in the year and asking Council to again consider a donation.

**1692 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five schools within the Shire towards the cost of prizes for the Presentation of Awards functions.



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**10.19 NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE S7(46693)**

Confirming the appointment of Shiralee Robinson to the role of Local Controller for the Coonamble Shire LGA. Saying the appointment is for a period of up to two years effective immediately, subject to a formal review in August of each odd-numbered year.

**1693 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that Council note the appointment of Ms Shiralee Robinson to the role of Local Controller for the Coonamble Shire LGA for a period of up to two years, effective immediately.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**1694 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**1695 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Walker that Council note Development Application Nos 029/2015 & 031/2015, were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

**11.2 ADDITIONAL STREET TREES – MAIN STREET  
A MOTION**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Cullen that Council proceed with the planting of trees on the footpath of Castlereagh Street and Aberford Street outside the National Australia Bank **lapsed for want of a seconder.**

**11.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - COMMUNITY REPORT**

In accordance with Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council is required to prepare an Annual Report to the community within five months of the end of the financial year. The report must outline Council's achievements in implementing its Delivery Program, including a variety of information required by the Regulation and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines.

This year the Community Report aims to engage our residents in a graphic and entertaining manner, drawing on the Nick Name Hall of Fame and extending the caricature theme. A copy of the report was included with the business paper.

**1696 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the information in the report be noted.

**11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The General Manager reported that the Mayor has given notice that he will move the following:

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*“That staff be requested to provide a report to Council identifying costs to potentially provide road seals to the following :*

- (1) Yarran Street  
From the end of the seal at 88 Wilga Street to Quonmoona Street*
- (2) Quonmoona Street  
From Yarran Street to the river end of Quonmoona Street*
- (3) Herrmann Street  
From the end of the seal at 21 Herrmann Street to the end of the property boundary at 33 Herrmann Street*

**AND** *that associated K&G drainage works be investigated and costs brought back to Council **AND FURTHER** that long term sustainability costs be incorporated into the report.”*

The Mayor said he has been approached by residents in the above areas, who state that traffic levels have increased and dust is becoming a problem. It was also noted that in the Yarran / Wilga Streets area, it appears the natural drainage is adequate as there is no K&G in the vicinity. However, the Mayor commented that residents in the Herrmann Street area say that when it rains, the bottom end of the street is covered by water and would need to have drainage investigated.

**1697 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that a report be brought back to Council for consideration, including costings, for the above works before a determination is reached.

#### **11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**1698 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Schieb that the Economic Development report be received and noted.

Cr Burnheim informed the meeting that the Committee has decided to prepare an Economic & Investment Prospectus for discussion. It is hoped this may assist local businesses and encourage other business interests to invest in the town and district.

**1699 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the information be noted.

#### **12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1700 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

#### **12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS**

**1701 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

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The following matters were raised:

- CADI Group – In response to a question, the Director said that one of the groups has a new leader, however it is important for the community members to continue to support the groups and encourage any other interested residents to come along.
- After School Care Program – The Director advised that this Program has commenced in Gulargambone on Monday. In regard to Quambone, Ms Tasker said there has been no response to recruitment at this time.

**1702 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Webb that the information be noted.

### **12.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING SCHEDULE**

The Director informed the meeting that under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Council is required to develop a Delivery Program every four years, in line with the term of each Council. She said that in addition, an End of Term Report is to be presented to Council at the final meeting of the outgoing Council to review progress in the implementation of the current Delivery Program and this includes community consultation through a Community Satisfaction Survey. A copy of the Community Satisfaction Survey was included in the business paper for information.

**1703 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that Council note the information contained in this item.

### **12.3 GULARGAMBONE SKATE PARK – CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) ASSESSMENT**

The Director provided a comprehensive report on this matter, advising that the CPTED is a situational crime prevention strategy focusing on the design, planning and structures of our neighbourhoods. She said it aims to reduce opportunities for crime by employing design and place management principles that minimise the likelihood of essential crime ingredients from intersecting.

Ms Tasker pointed out that through its Delivery Program Council has committed to considering CPTED when developing new public spaces – *P2.1.1 Utilise Safer by Design principles in public space planning*". She said this relates to crime prevention as well as Council's public liability risk management requirements.

The Director's report listed CPTED principles, together with the CPTED assessment of the potential venue for the Gulargambone skate park. Site rating discussion for each of the potential sites was also included.

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**1704 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that Council note the information.

**12.4 GULARGAMBONE SKATE PARK CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Director reported that 162 people participated in the skate park community consultation, regarding the preferred location for the facility. Council noted the community was presented with the following four options:

- Warrie Street (near the Shire Youth Hall)
- Yoolundry Street (at the football oval)
- The river side of Lions Park on Gulargambone Road
- Coonamble Street (near the current playground & toilets) – this venue includes fencing.

Ms Tasker reported that of the 162 responses, the majority favour Coonamble Street, with Yoolundry Street and Lions Park following as the next popular options.

Councillors asked questions about lighting and traffic – the Director said the Police did not have any issues with traffic – the area will be fenced – and regarding lighting, Ms Tasker said there will be no night time lighting as use of the facility during dark hours is not encouraged.

**1705 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that, after consideration of community consultation outcomes and a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design assessment, the Gulargambone skate park, including fencing, be constructed at the Coonamble Street location.

**12.5 POSITIVE AGEING CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Director reported that a total of 112 community members engaged in positive ageing consultation activities between November 2014 and May 2015. Councillors noted that a copy of the Positive Ageing Consultation Report 2015 was presented to the meeting. The report outlines consultation and engagement activities, provides a brief summary of outcomes and provides an understanding of the challenges faced by older people in the Coonamble Shire, as well as positive influences on their lives and hopes for the future.

**1706 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that the information contained in the Positive Ageing Consultation Report be noted.

**13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES**

**1707 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

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**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**1708 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 September 2015 be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**1709 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that the list of investments as 30 September 2015 be noted, and it also be noted that Council's investments comply with s625(2) of Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

**13.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1710 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that Council note the information contained in the works in progress section of the Director's report.

The Director reported briefly on the following matters:

- Garden bed near Taxi Rank will be upgraded this year.
- The old Athel Pine trees around the Sportsground have been removed and replaced with the new trees, which have been planted inside the fence.
- Pool Kiosk – the Director advised that Council has not been able to attract a lessee for the Pool Kiosk so far this season, therefore two staff members are rostered at the pool – one in charge of turnstiles and one on lifeguard duties.

**13.4 JOINT APPLICATION TO FIT FOR THE FUTURE INNOVATION FUND FOR STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Council was advised that Bogan Shire Council identified an opportunity to seek funding under the *Fit for the Future Innovation Fund* to purchase and implement a strategic asset management system and invited other identified "Rural Councils" (Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra) to participate. The Director informed the meeting that the grants are available to local councils in regional NSW with a population of less than 10,000 which have completed *Fit for the Future* template two or three, along with those councils in the Far West region who are not required to complete a proposal.

Mr Quarmby informed the meeting that the program provides one-off grants of:

- Up to \$150,000 for individual councils
  - Up to \$400,000 for projects involving more than one council
- and for each grant, a co-contribution of at least 30% is required (cash or in-kind, eg labour, equipment, facilities, land/property or other resources).

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The Director also highlighted concerns raised with Council's current operating system and said he would prepare a report for the November meeting outlining those issues.

**1711 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that Council participate in a joint grant application to *Fit for the Future Innovation Fund* for the purchase of a strategic asset management system, with its maximum level of contribution to the project being \$30,000, made up of \$20,000 'in-kind' contribution and \$10,000 from Office Reserve.

At this juncture, 10.30 a.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 11.00 a.m.

**13.5 PURCHASE OF MID-SIZE RIDER SWEEPER**

**1712 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Cullen that Council purchase a mid-size rider sweeper at an estimated price of \$57,500 and implement it as required in Council's day-to-day operations.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**1713 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1714 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

The following matters were briefly mentioned:

- Expressions of interest for dump truck & road train – none acceptable – machines will be auctioned.
- Drilling for new bore at Gulargambone – in response to a question concerning depth, the Director said approx. 200 metres.
- Issue with Sedimentation Plant 1 – had to be emptied and bottom of pond cleaned as it did not stabilise properly. Council noted the works are still under warranty. The Director referred to Council's application for a grant to carry out a water security improvement program and said no response has yet been received.
- A councillor referred to corrosion around taps at his residence – and asked why this would be – the Director said the dose and type of chemical has not changed – however he will investigate.

Cr Cullen referred to the Coonamble Aero Club's offer to carry out mowing at the Airport and asked about the outcome. The General Manager said a further expression of interest was received from the Club, however some areas of the aerodrome had been excluded. Mr Warren said a report will be presented for Council's November meeting.

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**14.2 COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

The Director submitted a report on this matter following a request by the showground user group representatives that consideration be given to levels at the showground to improve drainage. He said there are limited options for drainage management, however submitted the following three for consideration:

- Underground drainage system discharging into the River with inlet points placed across the site;
- Surface modification to improve drainage and runoff coefficient
- Improve drainage through an ongoing modification process on 'as required' basis.

**1715 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Schieb that Council attend to drainage issues at the Showground as and when they arise, i.e. improve drainage through an ongoing modification process as needed.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**1716 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the following matter be classified 'urgent' and dealt with.

**14.3 QUARRY PLANT UPGRADE**

**1716 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council approve purchase of the following plant and equipment, with funds to be sourced from the Plant Reserve and Quarry Reserve:

- Water Truck (budget \$60k) – Plant Reserve
- Mobile Screen (budget \$60k) – Quarry Reserve.

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1717 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Cullen that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 COONAMBLE SALEYARDS**

**1718 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Webb that Council write to the Coonamble Associated Agents outlining duties of their Association, those of the saleyards manager and duty agent and remind the Coonamble Associated Agents of its responsibility to notify Council of intended use of the yards, without exception.

**15.2 CARAVAN MOTOR HOME PARKING**

Following a request from Council to further investigate this matter, the Manager reported on suitable locations throughout the Shire for overnight parking of caravans and recreational vehicles.

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The Manager said that most of the essential and desirable criteria required by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) are available within Coonamble and should Council resolve to declare Coonamble an RV Friendly Town, it should contact CMCA, making application to be recognised as such.

Cr. Schieb said a proper assessment cannot be made on the actions of one town and further investigation should be made. He said if travellers/tourists have a designated area to stay for a short term, they add to the economy of that area. There was a suggestion that, if Council did not want to become "RV Friendly", it could place signs advising caravan and motorhome travellers that ample parking is available within the town, subject to not causing inconvenience. Cr. Schieb said the signs must be visible and give travellers plenty of notice where they can park, otherwise they will drive through the town.

**1719 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that Council not proceed to have Coonamble declared 'RV Friendly'.

Cr Schieb requested that his name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

**15.3 WARRENA CREEK WEIR – FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT**

Councillors agreed with the Feasibility Assessment from GHD, which was included with the business paper. It was noted that permission must be sought from commoners whether or not they are prepared to relinquish the portion of common included in the Assessment. The General Manager informed the meeting that the annual meeting of commoners is generally held in November.

**1720 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Walker and Burnheim that the report provided by the Manager of Environmental Services concerning the proposed dredging of the weir and associated works, together with the Feasibility Assessment from GHD, be noted.

**15.4 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2015**

**1721 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the Ranger's report for the month of September 2015 be noted.

**16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**1721 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that reports/minutes from various committees, listed hereunder, be received.

16.1 Coonamble Shire Youth Council – meeting on 15 September 2015

**1722 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Schieb that the minutes of the Coonamble Shire Youth Council meeting held on 15 September 2015 be noted.



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16.2 Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee – meeting held on 1 September 2015

**1723 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the minutes of the meeting of Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee held on 1 September 2015, together with minutes of the Orana Economic Development Network Meeting on 29 September 2015, be noted.

**17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**1724 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Schieb that the Saleyards report be received.

**17.1 Sales / 17.2 Saleyards Account**

**1725 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that the above two items in the Saleyards Report be noted.

**18.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**1726 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with section 10A of the Local Government Act 1993 “*section 2 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*”.

**1727 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**1728 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

**1729 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 18.1 as set out hereunder:

**18.1 Tender Evaluation Report – Supply and Delivery of Bitumen Emulsion – REGPRO021617**

**That Council** resolve as follows:

- (1) *That Bitupave Limited (T/A Boral Asphalt), being the best fit for the purpose tender be awarded this contract as a single source supplier for the 36 months period – 1 January 2016 to 31/12/2018;*
- (2) *That a provision be allowed for a 12 months extension, based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31/12/2019.*

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**19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Cr Schieb:*

- Advised that the Wingadee/Come-by-Chance Road – 150m from the Highway to the bridge is in urgent need of grading.

*Cr Burnheim:*

- Requested quotes be sought for shade sails for the playground equipment at Quambone.
- RDA – Orana – advised he has been re-appointed until 2017.

*Cr Cullen:*

- Mentioned about the baled hay at the Aerodrome – the Manager of Environmental Services said he counted 320 bales.
- Referred to changes at the Coonamble RTC – a meeting is being held to determine its future – said that staff numbers had been cut. Westpac was its mainstay – that service has now been withdrawn.

*Mayor:*

- Roundabout Garden (around Peace Tree near RSL)

**1730 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that staff investigate costs involved in moving the old trough from the showground back to Castlereagh Street (include in the garden bed) where it was located many years ago **AND FURTHER** place the matter on the agenda for consideration by the Traffic Committee at the next meeting.

*Director of Corporate & Urban Services:*

- Informed Cr Walker that quotes have been received following his request for a scoreboard at the sportsground – the most practical option is a variable message board - \$29,000. Cr Walker said he would approach sporting clubs that use the ground seeking contributions.

*Manager of Environmental Services:*

- Said a report from a local electrician that air conditioning units are much better since the water supply has been improved.
- Work on change rooms at the sportsground is underway.
- A quote will be sought from Wiatkowski for suggested lighting improvements at the showground

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*Cr Schieb:*

- Referred to the provision in the showground pavilion for showers and toilets and suggested that the work be done. The General Manager said grant funds would be needed for this work and it was included as part of the complete overhaul of the complex.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.

Pages (1/5763 to 19/5765) confirmed on the **ELEVENTH** day of **NOVEMBER 2015** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **14 OCTOBER 2015**.

**MAYOR**