

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

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

No person was present for the public question session.

4.0 APOLOGIES

1731 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that an apology for non attendance be accepted from Cr Bill Burnheim.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Council noted that representatives from the National Parks and Wildlife Service will be making a presentation to Council at 10.00 a.m.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1732 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Schieb that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 October 2015 be confirmed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

i) Saleyards Meeting

Cr Keady asked when the meeting of the Saleyards Committee would take place – the Manager said that a date is yet to be arranged, however it would not be next week as he will be away. The Manager suggested it could be held during the last week of November.

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8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1733 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

8.1 Resolutions in Progress

i) Caravan Park+Eco Spa Stage 2 – Investment Ready

Cr Karanouh questioned why advertising had been delayed – the General Manager said that it was felt February/early March 2016 would be a better time weather-wise for prospective investors to inspect the site missing the hot conditions.

ii) Road Construction Trial – Back Combara Road

Cr Keady asked the Director of Engineering Services when the trial would take place – Mr Chudek said when current projects and maintenance following recent rain are completed – he expected that later this month the work would be rostered, taking into account that harvest would be completed. The Director said the estimated cost of the trial strip would be in the vicinity of \$60,000 – quoting \$44/sq.metre.

iii) Additional Street Trees – Main Street

Cr Karanouh referred to Council's decision not to proceed with planting additional trees in the main street.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT - ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

9.1 Local Government NSW annual conference in Sydney – attended with the General Manager and Cr Walker.

9.2 Orana Regional Organisation of Councils – attended the AGM and the Board meeting in Lightning Ridge on 30 October.

1734 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that the Mayoral Report be received and noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY MAYOR

1735 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the following items be classified “urgent” and dealt with.

9.3 Country Mayors' Association – attended the AGM and general meeting of the Association on 5 November. Informed Councillors that Coonamble remains on the executive of the organisation. Referred to addresses by Members of Parliament of the Shadow Minister for Local Government. Reference was made to the Crown Lands Review which may see land returned to the community, depending on current usage.

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Other issues mentioned were :

- Department of Primary Industries looking to increase subsidies for fodder carting to drought affected areas;
- Investigating multi-peril crop insurance
- Improvements to Bureau of Meteorology radar sites in NSW

Members of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government in NSW (Paul Green MLC and Peter Primrose Shadow Minister LG) provided insight into the process of *fit for the future*.

9.4 *Campbelltown Festival of Fisher's Ghost* – attended Campbelltown – our Sister City – on 6 November and presented Council's award to the winner of the Sculpture Section of the Art Awards. Attended the civic luncheon and the street parade on the following day.

1736 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Keady that the information in the Mayor's supplementary report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1737 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 MRS WANITTA GLOVER PR1688(46638)

1738 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council decline to contribute towards the cost of erecting boundary fences and inform Mrs Glover that it will not lease the subject land.

10.2 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – LANDS R8-11

1739 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council advise the Department it has no objection to the closure of the unconstructed Council roads within the property boundaries of land owned by Mr Gregory Kilby, as shown on the map presented to the meeting.

10.3 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – LANDS R8-11

1740 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council advise the Department it has no objection to the closure of the unconstructed Council roads within the property boundaries of land owned by I & S Walker (Roma) Pty Ltd, as shown on the map presented to the meeting.

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- 10.4 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – LANDS R8-11**
1741 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council advise the Department it has no objection to the closure of the unconstructed Council road (Parish Wingadee, north of Lot 61, DP754275) within the property boundary of land owned by Mr Frederick Beck, as shown on the map **AND FURTHER** that, in future, staff respond to these requests from the Department without reference to Council subject to there being no issues with the road/roads in question.
- 10.5 COONAMBLE AQUATIC CLUB D7**
1742 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Webb that Council contribute \$1,000 to the Coonamble Aquatic Club towards its two projects at the weir and the money be sourced from the Donation Vote.
- 10.6 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-6(46779)**
1743 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Keady that Council note the Club's annual carnival will be held on Sunday 22 November 2015 and agree to the Club retaining the gate takings for the day.
- 10.7 CSC EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE S6-10**
1744 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to a donation of \$500 towards the Outdoor Staff Christmas Party and permission be given for a half-day holiday from 12 noon on Wednesday 23 December to allow staff to attend.

Section B: Matters for Information Only

- 10.8 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP M3(46703)**
Writing to both Cr Webb and Cr Keady congratulating them on being elected as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively. Looking forward to continuing a strong working relationship and saying that, if he can be of assistance in any way, please contact him.
- 10.9 CENTRAL WEST COUNCILS ENVIRONMENT & WATERWAYS ALLIANCE M3-1(46704)**
Advising the Alliance is a partnership of 19 councils across the Central West of NSW, supported by Central Tablelands and Central West Local Land Services, working towards improving the natural and built environment of our region. Inviting the Mayor to join in celebrating these significant achievements at the Environment and Waterways Alliance Website & 5 Year Plan Launch on Friday 6 November from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. at Bathurst.

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10.10 COONAMBLE PRE SCHOOL L4(46705)

Enthusiastically supporting the proposal for new mobile shelving and storage facilities at the Coonamble Shire Library. Saying group interaction during reading and playtime is important developmentally and with the introduction of child friendly technology in the children's area it can begin to introduce the children to information sharing.

10.11 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES G5(46738)

Confirming that funding has been approved for delivery of the following projects by Council in 2015/2016 as part of the Traffic Efficiency Infrastructure Program:

- Install kick rails on existing pedestrian crossing \$8,000
- Upgrade pedestrian island on Pages Terrace \$2,000

Pointing out that no further funding will be made available for these projects and funds are allocated to specific projects and are not transferable at Council's discretion.

10.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2

Forwarding media release headed *Communities now critical to local government* and saying local councils and their communities have been given one last chance to determine their own future after IPART ruled almost two-thirds do not meet the State Government's *fit for the Future* criteria. Saying the reason the majority of councils were found unfit is because they opposed the Government's proposed merger option and submitted a stand-alone proposal.

The General Manager pointed out that this media release formed part of the Local Government Weekly forwarded to Councillors on 26 October.

10.13 PRESIDENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10-2

Saying we are now in the critical stage of the NSW government's local government reform process. Saying the release of the report provided some answers but it has prompted a whole lot of new questions. Stating also he attended the Rural Fire Service headquarters in Sydney to discuss the important relationship between the two organisations in the lead-up to what may be a very hot and potentially dangerous summer season.

**10.14 REGIONAL MANAGER NORTHERN – ESSENTIAL ENERGY
E3-1(46788)**

Advising about recent changes to Essential Energy's regional structure and saying Essential Energy's new structure was introduced on 6 October 2015 and involves consolidation of the South Eastern Region into the existing Northern and Southern regions. Advising the new structure will help Essential Energy meet ongoing cost constraints without adversely affecting its ability to deliver a satisfactory level of service to customers.

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Assuring Council that throughout these changes Essential Energy remains focused on delivering a safe, reliable and sustainable electricity supply for its regional communities.

1745 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Schieb that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.8 to 10.14 inclusive, be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1746 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the following matters be classified “urgent” and dealt with:

10.15 HILL ROGERS SPENCER STEER A12(46808)

Advising completion of the audit of Council’s books and records for the year ended 30 June 2015 and forwarding their report.

A copy of the Auditor’s report was provided to each Councillor at the meeting.

1747 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council note the tabling of the Auditor’s Report following completion of the audit of Council’s books and records for year ended 30 June 2015.

10.16 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES – LANDS L1(46796)

Referring to the comprehensive review into management of Crown land across NSW and saying it was the most significant examination of Crown land management in over 25 years. Saying in March 2014 the Government released *Crown Lands for the Future – Crown Land Management Review Summary and Government Response* and, at the same time, invited submissions on the *Crown Lands Legislation White Paper* which proposed a simpler legislative framework. Referring councils to www.crownland.nsw.gov.au for further information.

1748 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in this letter be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1749 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1750 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council note Development Application Nos 034/2015 & 036/2015, along with Complying Development Application Nos. 035/2015 & 040/2015, were approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

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11.2 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

1751 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to close the office at c.o.b. Thursday 24 December 2015 and re-open on Monday 4 January 2016 and staff be instructed to use leave provisions for the three days not covered by public holidays.

At this juncture, 9.30 a.m., Council's Economic Development Manager arrived at the meeting.

11.3 WHEEL STOPS – COONAMBLE CBD

The General Manager referred to this matter being raised at the September meeting when Council resolved to seek comment from the community before again considering whether or not to install wheel stops. Council noted that no formal submissions were received, however general comments are mixed, with no clear position held with any majority.

1752 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council install 70 polyethylene wheel stoppers in the Coonamble CBD at an estimated cost of \$6,296, plus installation (minimal preparation) of \$1,500 and funds be sourced from the Development Fund.

11.4 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – IPART REPORT

Cr Karanouh congratulated staff on the preparation of the submission to IPART. He said that a huge amount of effort went into putting this document together and, from the information contained therein, IPART assessed this Council as "fit for the future".

The General Manager thanked Cr Karanouh and said this Council has, for many years and continues to "live within its means" and the same result would have been achieved over past times - Mr Warren said credit must go back to this and previous Councils over those years. The General Manager also referred to the very satisfying report given by TCorp three years ago which rated this Council in a strong financial position.

The General Manager provided a comprehensive report following the release of the report on the IPART assessment of councils.

1753 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh :

- (1) that Council note the opportunity to make a submission on the assessment of this Council's *Fit for the Future* document undertaken by IPART;
- (2) that Council's submission indicate to the government it has been assessed overall as fit, does not wish to nominate or be involved in any merger proposal and wishes to get on with business;

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- (3) that Council considers the additional requirement to make a submission, or nominate a merger proposal totally inappropriate, given the process recently undertaken by councils and the assessment by IPART;
- (4) that Council contact its neighbouring councils advising it will not be making any merger proposal through this submission and does not wish to be included in any proposal by any neighbouring council.

11.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1754 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information contained in the Economic Development report be noted.

i) Caravan Park

Cr Schieb referred to the Caravan Park, saying now the new amenities is completed, Council should make an effort to clean the area by removing derelict structures and maintain it to an acceptable standard. He also said that a representative of Koonambil has spoken to him regarding plans to further extend the aged care facility at a later time. Cr Schieb suggested that Council may consider an extension into the park.

The General Manager referred to the proposed Eco Spa development and said if Council continues to change design it will put the project back further. The Economic Development Manager said the piece of land referred to by Cr Schieb has been set aside as camp sites for tents and a car park for campers. It was suggested that Council obtain a quote to re-design just that corner, however the EDM said nothing permanent would be able to be erected because of the flow of water.

ii) Aircraft Facility – Coonamble Airport

The EDM referred this matter to the Manager of Environmental Services who advised the frame of the shed has been erected, however waiting on the contractor for concreting work. The EDM said the initial application submitted by the Aero Club was approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 short, however other funding opportunities are being investigated. She said the facility would go ahead whether or not additional funding is obtained.

11.6 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FUNDING – NOVEMBER 2015

1756 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council consider the following item, determining priorities for 'shovel ready' projects.

A report was presented advising Council of the projects which meet program objectives, each project proposal must be over \$25,000 and be submitted to the Federal Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development for approval.

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The EDM said advice has been received that Council should submit projects by 24 December or their eligibility may lapse, however not all projects would need to commence immediately, but all are required to be completed by June 2019.

Council was provided with a matrix showing to what extent possible projects meet the criteria. It was also pointed out that Council may need to make in-kind or financial contribution to certain projects and this would need to be determined in the scoping of each project proposed.

The General Manager pointed out the importance of projects chosen to fit guidelines. The EDM said that fees for any specialist services sought are not covered by the grant funds.

1755 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that :

(1) Council note it will consider the proposed project list in more detail to determine priority, noting the time frame to complete the projects;

(2) Council considers the following projects ready for application to the Federal Government for approval:

- Pool fencing
- Showground works
- Sportsground fencing and lighting
- Saleyards upgrade
- Combara Hall amenities
- Grids and gates on Council roads;

(3) Council staff make application on the above projects as a priority in line with application guidelines.

Council agreed that, at the December meeting, it will discuss in more detail future projects and provide a priority list. The General Manager said that it would also be an opportunity for Councillors to provide input.

11.7 REGIONAL RELOCATION PROJECT – PHASE 2 FUNDING

1756 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to a contribution of \$2,500 towards Phase 2 of the Regional Relocation Project from the current budget surplus.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1757 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

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12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

1758 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

The following matters were raised:

- *Coonamble Alcohol & Drug Initiative (CADI)* – The Director said definite progress is being made by the various action groups – Cr Schieb advised that the most recent meeting was the most positive he has attended.

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

At this juncture, 10.18 a.m., Mr Robert Smith, Regional Manager and Mr John Whittle, Area Manager, Baradine were welcomed to the meeting by the Mayor. Mr Smith thanked Council for the opportunity to make a presentation and provide information on the operations of the Service within Coonamble Shire. He pointed out that NPWS is a State-based agency within the office of Environment and Heritage.

Reference was made to Council's letter to the Service, drawing attention to the danger to motorists of brumbies running in the Pilliga scrub and causing safety concerns on the Pilliga road. The Service representatives said that horses are not considered 'noxious animals' and controlling where they run is very difficult – Mr Smith said advisory signs, warning motorists of the danger, have been erected but they are removed/stolen, which is unfortunate.

Reference was made to box thorn and tiger pear growth on land under the control of NPWS. Council was advised that Service staff – two full time employees – do carry out weed control in the forest. Mr Smith said the Service is responsible for approximately 9000 hectares of hazard reduction annually.

In closing, both Messrs Smith and Whittle said they would be pleased to be informed of concerns that Council may have, as they arise and suggested a phone call to the Baradine office.

They thanked Council for its time and joined Councillors and staff for morning tea, then attended the Remembrance Day Service.

The adjournment for morning tea and Remembrance Day Service was between 10.40 a.m. and 11.15 a.m.

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12.2 NICKNAME HALL OF FAME – INTERACTIVE SIGN – LOCATION PROPOSAL

The Director informed the meeting that a small seeding grant from Regional Arts NSW was obtained towards establishing the Nickname Hall of Fame in 2005. Ms Tasker said that as part of the 10 year anniversary celebration Council staff designed tea towels and two interactive face cut-out signs which were launched at the Coonamble Gold Cup Race Meeting, along with the Nickname Hall of Fame (NHOF) Committee. She said members of the Committee comprise Peg Murray, Noel Ledden, Lee O'Connor, Dannielle Kirkwood, Ron Crocker, Jamie-Lea Hodges, Amanda Glasson, Rowena Macrae, Patti Kennedy, Don Schieb and Larry Rindfleish.

Two locations were suggested for Council's consideration.

1759 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council install two Nickname Hall of Fame interactive signs in the following locations:

- i) Smith Park
- ii) adjacent to Bag-a-Bargain building, having the Commercial Hotel in the background (for photos), subject to approval from Roads & Maritime Services and Traffic Committee.

12.3 NICKNAME HALL OF FAME – ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

Ms Tasker reported that currently the NHOF budget is fully expended and an allocation of funds is required if the project is to be reinvigorated. Council noted that the Committee has instigated income producing measures which include a \$5 fee to submit nominations; sale of tea towels and an invitation for sponsors. Any funds raised will supplement Council's allocation to the project.

It was noted that, to allow the installation of two NHOF interactive signs to be installed and the production of three new caricatures to be introduced, is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$3,350.

1760 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council approve full funding to allow the installation of both NHOF interactive signs and the production of three new caricatures to be inducted into the Nickname Hall of Fame, noting funding was included in the September 2015 review.

12.4 HERITAGE & MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Director informed Council that this Committee is requesting removal from the Section 355 Committee of Council listing in lieu of forming a group *Friends of the Museum*.

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Council noted that with the departure of the Heritage Adviser and the withdrawal of the externally funded portion of the Local Heritage Fund, the Committee no longer holds delegated responsibilities. The Director pointed out that the Committee was of the opinion that a more "casual oversight group" would assist in attracting further membership.

The report stated that management of the Museum Under the Bridge will remain as is, i.e. a Council facility with retention of the current Honorary Curator.

1761 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council remove the Heritage and Museum Advisory Committee from the Section 355 Committees of Council.

12.5 ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-2015

A copy of Council's annual report for the 2014-2015 year was available at the meeting.

1762 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council note the tabling of the 2014-15 Annual Report and that a copy of the report was furnished to the Office of Local Government on 3 November 2015.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1763 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1764 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 October 2015 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1765 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the list of investments as 31 October 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 UPGRADE OF COUNCIL'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTION SOFTWARE

1766 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that, in accordance with the provisions contained in its Procurement Policy and other relevant legislation, research and select an upgrade to its Local Government software package, noting funds are available from the Office Equipment Reserve.

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13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1767 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh 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:

- Sportsground irrigation system repaired
- Vandalism at toilets and spear – Macdonald Park
- Progress on garden beds in main street held up due to rain
- Claret Ash trees have been planted at sportsground – these were recommended as suitable by the arborist.

Cr Karanouh drew attention to two dead trees at the end of Castlereagh Street and asked that they be replaced with two Ornamental Pear trees to keep the streetscape uniform. The Director said he would arrange for this to be done.

13.5 FINANCIAL REPORTS & AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1768 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that Council note the presentation and tabling of its Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Cr Keady congratulated the Director and staff on a favourable report from the Auditor.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1769 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1770 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

The following matters were briefly mentioned:

- Rectification of Pond 1 at WTP carried out under warranty
- Auction of plant in Brisbane realised satisfactory results

14.2 HEAVY VEHICLE DAMAGE – COONAMBLE STREETS

The Director submitted a report on this matter advising that significant deterioration of the roads pavement has occurred on roads leading to the grain silos. He referred particularly to Aberford, Warrena and McCullough Streets, between the Castlereagh Highway and Dubbo Streets. Mr Chudek said that to eliminate impact of heavy transports it is proposed to reduce the load limit on these three streets to 5 tonne.

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- 1771 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council:
- i) impose a 5 tonne limit to Aberford Street, Warrena Street and McCullough Street, between the Castlereagh Highway and Dubbo Street;
 - ii) submit an application to the current round of Fixing Country Roads to increase the pavement design and construction in Warrena Street to accommodate road trains.

14.3 LOCAL ROAD SEALING – COST ESTIMATE

In response to Council's request for this information, the Director provided a report, including costings, associated with sealing the following areas, together with kerbing and guttering where required:

- i) Yarran Street (from end of seal at 88 Wilga Street to Quonmoona Street)
 - ii) Quonmoona Street (from Yarran Street to the river end of Quonmoona Street)
 - iii) Herrmann Street (from end of seal at 21 Herrmann Street to end of property boundary at 33 Herrmann Street)
- 1772 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council not proceed with the works outlined above, but consider the cost to complete sealing at the end of Yarran Street in the 2016/2017 budget.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 1773 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

- 1774 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the Ranger's report for the month of October 2015 be noted.

16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1775 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that Council:
- i) approve variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
 - ii) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;
 - iii) note the position of Council's estimated reserves at 30 September 2015.

17.0 MINUTES / REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

- 1776 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the reports / minutes from various committees, as listed hereunder, be received.

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17.1 Coonamble Shire Economic Development Committee – meeting held on 13 October 2015

17.2 Coonamble Heritage & Museum Advisory Committee – meeting held on 16 October 2015

17.3 Coonamble Shire Youth Council – meeting held on 21 October 2015.

1777 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the information contained in the above meeting minutes be noted.

Cr. Schieb referred to last year's Australia Day nominations, saying that some did not have any information to enable the judging panel to even consider the nominee. He suggested that this year Council should advertise that nominations must be completed in full, with supporting documentation, as the nominations will be judged on the merits of the nominee.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

1778 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the Saleyards report be received.

18.1 Sales / 18.2 Saleyards Account

1779 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the above two items in the Saleyards Report be noted.

19.0 & 20.0 CLOSED SESSION

1780 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker 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*".

1781 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

1782 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED SESSION

1783 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1, 19.2 and 20.1. as set out hereunder:

19.1 Offer to Purchase – “Meglo” Block

That Council resolve as follows:

- i) accept the offer from Halcroft & Bennett Pty Ltd of \$1,800/hectare **exclusive** of GST for the 75ha block at the Meglo;
- ii) inform the purchaser that all subdivision and transfer costs will be his responsibility, including Council’s legal expenses in effecting transfer of title;
- iii) inform the purchaser that he will be responsible for making arrangements for the provision of water from the Oaks Bore Trust.

19.2 Expression of Interest – Mowing at Coonamble Aerodrome

That Council resolve to accept the offer of \$40,000/annum (exclusive of GST) from Coonamble Aero Club to provide mowing services at the Coonamble airport, subject to the Club agreeing to include mowing at the front of the airport (from the entry ramp to the terminal building) and the contract be for an initial period of three years.

20.1 Strategic Plant Upgrade

That Council approve purchase / refurbishment of the following plant/equipment, authorise the General Manager to purchase on Council’s behalf within budget and funds be sourced from the Plant Reserve:

- i) Lime Storage Tank (budget \$80,000)
- ii) Water Tanker Upgrade (budget \$70,000)

21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Requested that two trees be replaced – adjacent to the NAB building and the former Bag-a-Bargain building.
- Hollywood Lane sign is missing – requested that a sign be suitably erected so that it cannot be removed.

Pool Fence – Proposed Replacement

1784 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that staff investigate prices and report back to Council in regard to replacing the fence at the back and side of Coonamble pool with a wall-type construction / precast concrete panels with iron posts.

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Cr Schieb:

Septic Systems – Quambone

1785 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Webb that costs be obtained for suitable specifications for installation of approved septic systems at Quambone, with a view to Council having the specifications available for landowners to upgrade their septic systems.

The Manager of Environmental Services advised that the soil at Quambone is not porous and health issues are evident because of problems being caused by unfit septic systems. He pointed out that it is the responsibility of the landowner to have an approved system and it is Council's responsibility to enforce compliance.

Boxthorn Infestation

1786 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that Council write to the Department of Lands drawing attention to the prolific growth of boxthorns on islands in the river and request that an eradication program be carried out.

- Cr Schieb referred to the matter he raised earlier concerning Council's decision to not participate as an RV Friendly town – he said some of the information provided was not correct and he would move a rescission of the motion at the December meeting.

Cr Cullen:

Garbage Bin – Castlereagh Street

1787 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that the garbage bin in front of Noel's His & Hers hairdressing business be moved and relocated closer to Mooy's Lane.

Cr Keady:

- Caravan Parking signage – the Director said that he is looking at types of signs and will purchase two and erect them in suitable locations around town.
- Referred to headers and road trains travelling on the Back Combara Road following rain – he asked the Director of Engineering Services to expedite the erection of wet weather signs.
- Enquired about provision of water at the airport for aerial spraying contractors. It was noted that there is a supply for the Rural Fire Service, however this is not available to individuals.

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General Manager:

- Referred to motion dealt with at the LGNSW conference regarding *Scores on Doors* and an enquiry regarding mandatory food inspection form. The Manager of Environmental Services that most rural areas are against this and that our area would not rate at all under such a scheme. He said the ratings do not indicate the level of hygiene and suggested that Council not participate in the scheme. In response to a question concerning food premises inspections, the Manager said annual inspections are carried out and immediate inspections are done following any complaint.

Director of Engineering Services:

- Referred to new plant purchased and showed video of the spreader truck and new road train. He said that the vehicles are working extremely well and providing good economic outcomes.

Pedestrian Crossing – Coonamble Pool

Cr Schieb referred to the pedestrian crossing at the pool – Councillors agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for the next Traffic Committee meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.

Pages (1/5766 to 18/5783) confirmed on the **NINTH** day of **DECEMBER 2015** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **11 NOVEMBER 2015**.

MAYOR