

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup>  
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**PRESENT:** Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Danny Keady, Bill Burnheim, 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**

The meeting noted that four persons have indicated they will be present at public question time and will be arriving at 9.30 a.m.

**4.0 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

No deputations were booked to attend today's meeting.

**6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**1843 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 December 2015 be confirmed.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

***j) Meglo – Sale of Block***

Cr Keady asked if any progress has been made in this matter – the Manager of Environmental Services said that the prospective purchaser has arranged for a survey to be undertaken. It will then be determined the exact area of the subject block which will then have to be subdivided.

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***ii) Yatton – Expressions of Interest***

In response to a question regarding interest in these blocks, the Manager of Environmental Services said that the closing date for submissions is 26 February 2016 – seven people have inspected the area. Cr Burnheim asked whether details of the expressions of interest would be presented to Council – in response the General Manager said they would be tabled at the March meeting.

***iii) Electronic Scoreboard – Application for Funding***

Cr Keady asked whether Council has any further information from the Coonamble Rugby League Club regarding its application for funding. The General Manager said that the President of the Club, Mr. Joe Bellgardt, would be addressing Council at 9.30 a.m.

***iv) Pool Fencing***

The Manager of Environmental Services informed Council that he has sought quotes from fencing suppliers in Dubbo, Sydney and Orange – he said only one company, Western Plains Fencing, has responded. He said a representative of the company will visit Coonamble within 4 – 5 weeks to discuss various options available to Council.

**Public Question Time**

**i) Mr Roley Green – Tree Planting in Railway Street** – referred to a letter of authority he received from Council in 2014 to plant additional trees in Railway Street and nurture when until they became established. He said each time he makes enquiries about when the trees can be planted he is told there is no funding.

Mr Green also referred to the trees purchased for planting which have been collected from the local nursery – the Director of Corporate & Urban Services said Council has the trees – the Director also said that funding had to be directed to other areas for tree plantings, in particular, the sportsground. Mr Green was informed that within the next month Council would contact him to arrange planting. He thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.20 a.m.

**8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE**

**1844 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

## **8.1 Resolutions in Progress**

i) **Back Gular Road** – in response to a question, the Director of Engineering Services advised that Council has not been successful in attracting funding for the work. He said he has submitted a report for consideration later in the day.

ii) **Drought Funding Applications** – Councillors noted that applications for projects were submitted prior to Christmas as required, however no response has been received as to their outcome.

## **9.0 MAYORAL REPORT**

**1845 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral Report be received and dealt with.

### **Rural Councils Workshop**

The Mayor provided a report on a meeting he attended on 8 February, in company with the General Manager, between the four rural councils in our area – Bogan, Coonamble, Gilgandra and Warren – each of the councils was represented by its Mayor and General Manager.

Cr Webb said discussion revolved around the possible future of rural councils, joint organisations – OROC is pursuing further information, and amendments to the Local Government Act 1993.

Cr Burnheim said that the four councils acting together, being all similar, provide a strong focus, with more authority and add strength to any submissions and/or actions it decides to proceed.

Cr Schieb asked whether there are any funding opportunities currently available – the General Manager said the Office of Local Government has advised guidelines for the Innovation Fund which has money for Councils who have been assessed as fit for the future. He said the four councils are making a submission for an asset management system under a 'resource sharing' arrangement. Mr Warren said \$400,000 is available to groups of councils and \$150,000 to individual councils – this Council is looking at making an application for a new Local Government Accounting System (around \$70,000 - \$80,000) and include some telemetry. Mr. Warren said these items fit guidelines which are specific – he pointed out that money is available as it has been allocated within the current budget.

Cr Burnheim said there will be opportunities for funding in the next round of RDA funding and suggested the submission be submitted as a group combining the four councils.

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**Public Question Time**

**ii) Joe Bellgardt – President, Coonamble Rugby League**

At this juncture, 9.40 a.m., Mr Bellgardt was welcomed to the meeting – he addressed Council regarding the current status of his application for funding for a mobile electronic scoreboard, updating the PA system and purchase of a trailer. He said the total cost will be around \$23,000 – Mr Bellgardt said he has to finalise the application today and wanted to confirm that Council would commit funds.

Mr Bellgardt said the upgrading of the PA system is included in the application and informed the meeting that he has approached a company regarding supply of a suitable trailer.

**1846 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that Council increase the amount of its previously committed \$2,000 by \$5,000 – making Council's contribution to the project \$7,000.

Prior to leaving the meeting Mr Bellgardt was congratulated on being awarded Coonamble Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Celebrations.

*Cr Burnheim stated that he is a member of the Rugby Club.*

**iii) Rae Murray – Seats for Cemetery**

Mrs Murray thanked Council for permission to address the meeting and put forward a project she is endeavouring to achieve – pointing out the need for seating at the Coonamble cemetery in the vicinity of the lawn section. Mrs Murray asked Council would it install the seats if she provides them.

**1847 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Karanouh that Council provide \$5,000 in next year's estimates to purchase and install bench seats in the lawn section area of the Coonamble cemetery.

At this juncture, Mrs. Murray left the meeting.

**iv) Coonamble Liquor Accord**

At this juncture, Mrs Tessa Pennell and Mr Rodney Vallett, representing the Coonamble Liquor Accord, were welcomed to the meeting in the absence of the Accord President, Steven Hinds.

Mrs Pennell requested Council to support its objection to the application being made by the owners of Coonamble Supa IGA for a license to sell take away alcohol from its store in Aberford Street. She pointed out that Coonamble already has three clubs, four hotels and two bottle shop outlets licensed to sell take away alcohol and if another license is granted, other businesses would be severely impacted.

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It was pointed out that inadequate parking was also a factor to be considered and the danger to traffic using Wilga Street and Aberford Street by persons accessing and exiting the store. Mrs Pennell said that the Liquor Accord feels it is wrong for take away alcohol to be available at a grocery store where children often accompany their parents. It was stated that the Accord will have around 30 objections to accompany its objection and Mrs Pennell asked for Council's support in objecting to the application, referring to the letter which is on today's meeting agenda.

It was noted that when the application by the owners of Coonamble Supa IGA is submitted, Council and the local Police will have the opportunity to comment at that time.

The Liquor Accord representatives, Mrs Pennell and Mr Vallett, thanked Council for its time and left the meeting.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**1848 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

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

**10.1 ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL P10(47038)**

**1849 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council request the School to provide a diagram of the area to be fenced and additional quotes be forwarded to support the request.

**10.2 COONAMBLE BOWLING CLUB LTD L11(47123)**

**1850 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that the Bowling Club be advised that Council has no objection to the closure of the laneway as requested.

**10.3 COONAMBLE CLAY TARGET CLUB D7(47113)**

**1851 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council agree to contribute \$100 to the Coonamble Clay Target Club towards its 2016 Open Shoot on 9 & 10 April.

**10.4 NSW GOVERNMENT – REGIONAL INTERMODAL TASKFORCE  
R8-7(47163)**

**1852 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council note the information and also that Cr Cullen and Council's Economic Development Manager will attend the information session of the Regional Intermodal Taskforce.

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**10.5 JAMES HOLLAND C7(47194)**

**1853 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council approve the area of the common for Multi Rotor enthusiasts, subject to participants complying with CASA requirements, in particular approval will need to be obtained from CASA to operate within 5.5kms of the airport.

**Section B – For Information Only:**

**10.6 KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP M3(47009)**

Referring to Council's letter concerning possible Essential Energy job losses in Coonamble and saying he made representations to the Minister, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP in relation to Council's concerns. Saying the NSW Government will work with employees and industry to ensure impacts on the workforce are managed in "a thoughtful and orderly way".

Saying the Minister's response goes on to outline information regarding the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Fund and encouraging Council to investigate the fund – further information at [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/murraydarlingfund](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/murraydarlingfund)

**10.7 THE HON JOHN AJAKA MLC G5-11(47030)**

Advising a grant of \$23,000 has been approved to undertake the *Go Gular* project, subject to Council agreeing to terms and conditions of the Youth Opportunities funding agreement. Congratulating Council on its project proposal, saying a large number of high quality applications were received.

**10.8 THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP, MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
L10-2(47060)**

Referring to the announcement of merger proposals for NSW councils and new measures to strengthen the system of local government. Pointing out that detailed merger proposals are now being finalised and will be referred to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government (OLG) for examination and report in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. Saying delegates will conduct a public inquiry, call for written submissions and prepare a report against the criteria in the Act. Stating the report will then go to him (as Minister), also to the Boundaries Commission for comment back to the Minister, along with the report from the delegate to allow him (the Minister) to complete the process and make a decision on final boundaries. Stating the NSW government is implementing changes to local councils that will deliver benefits to local communities for generations into the future.

The General Manager provided copies of a Progress Report – *Fit for the Future – Stronger Councils, Stronger Communities* for Councillors to peruse in conjunction with this letter.

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**10.9 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC L3(47107)**

Thanking Councils on behalf of the Association for the widespread support given to the NSW Rural Fire Service. Saying it recognises the financial and other forms of support provided directly and indirectly by Councils and communities and appreciates this partnership. Pointing out that councils may be assured of the Association's willingness to work with councils responsible for the administration of brigades throughout NSW through its well established structure of 16 Divisions and over 40 Branches.

**10.10 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES E5-2**

Advising the NSW Government has developed a comprehensive, State-wide approach to deal with the issue of 'right to farm' which brings together a suite of responses. Saying the concept of 'right to farm' has multiple facets but the common interpretation and the one used in the policy, relates to a desire by farmers to undertake lawful agricultural practices without conflict or interference arising from complaints from neighbours and other land users.

A copy of the Policy was included with each Councillor's business paper.

**10.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10**

Pointing out the Australian Government recently wrote to state and territory governments offering a temporary exemption to the standard day labour terms of the *Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)* for eligible events occurring in the 2014 – 15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years.

Saying, at this stage, the Australian Government has not received formal agreement from the NSW Government in relation to the exemption in NSW. Advising that as a result, LGNSW will be writing to the NSW Minister for Emergency Services urging implementation of the exemption as a matter of urgency.

The General Manager informed the meeting that this Council, along with others in the OROC region, have long been requesting these changes to Natural Disaster legislation.

**10.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL C13(47192)**

Advising that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2016 annual determination and, as is the usual practice the Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each Category. Saying the Tribunal will seek to meet with Local Government NSW, as it does each year, to receive a sector wide view on the future direction for local government in NSW. Stating that should Council amalgamations proceed it will be necessary for the Tribunal to categorise any new councils for the purposes of determining fees.

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**10.13 TWO EIGHT TWO EIGHT**

Advising Dinner Under the Stars will be held on Saturday 27 February at 2828 and saying that thanks to the generosity of attendees at last year's Dinner under the Stars they have been able to offer an additional Traineeship to a Gulargambone school student. Extending an invite to the function on 27 February.

Councillors Karanouh and Cullen requested that bookings be made for them and their spouses to attend the Dinner.

**URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**1853a RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the following matters be classified “urgent” and dealt with:

**10.14 TREASURER & MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES – MEDIA RELEASE**

**1854 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council write to LGNSW, its State Member and the Minister for Emergency Services voicing its concerns that councils again will be required to remit funds not received and bear further administrative cost-shifting from the State Government in the management of the Emergency Services Levy.

**10.15 COONAMBLE AERO CLUB A5(47223)**

**1855 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council note the Coonamble Aero Club's agreement to carry out mowing at Coonamble aerodrome in accordance with Council's terms, agree to have a contract prepared for the initial three years and authorise the affixing of the Seal.

**10.16 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS H5**

Advising that Council's application for a public holiday for the second day of the Coonamble annual show in 2016 (Wednesday 4 May) and 2017 (Wednesday 31 May) will be presented to the Minister for consideration shortly. Also advising that the final guidelines, which include the provision for applications to be made for four years 'local event' days, will be re-sent to Councils as this opportunity was omitted from the initial guidelines.

*Councillor Keady recorded an interest in this matter as a member of the Coonamble Show Society.*

The General Manager drew Council's attention to the fact that “local event” days are made upon the request of a council to declare a specified day or part-day to be a local event day in that LGA or in a specified part of the LGA. Mr Warren said the declaration of a “local event” day does not make the “local event” day a public holiday.

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**1856 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council note changes have been made to the guidelines to provide for applications for “local event” days to be for four yearly periods, however take no action, as it has already applied for the proclamation of a public holiday for the second day of the Coonamble Show in 2016 and 2017.

**10.17 COONAMBLE LIQUOR ACCORD A19-1**

Expressing concern and objection to the application for a licence to sell alcohol out of the Coonamble Supa IGA. Pointing out the community presently has three Clubs and four Hotels licensed to sell takeaway alcohol, as well as two licensed bottle shops. Giving reasons for its objection.

The meeting noted that two representatives of the Liquor Accord addressed Council earlier in the day.

**1857 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that this matter be brought forward for discussion.

There was lengthy deliberation, with some Councillors being in favour of the application, saying it was a decision of a private business – saying Council should not become involved and should take a neutral stance. Other Councillors strongly objected to the application for reasons that Coonamble already has sufficient outlets for the purchase of take away alcohol, referring to crime and domestic violence which is exacerbated by alcohol.

**1858 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council not provide a letter of support to the Coonamble Liquor Accord objecting to the application, but wait until Council has the opportunity to provide comments to the Department of Gaming and Racing prior to a determination of the application.

At this juncture, 10.29 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.55 a.m.

**11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER**

**1859 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

**11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

**1860 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council note Development Application Nos 032/2015; 017/2015; 039/2015; 042/2015 and 045/2015, together with Complying Development Application Nos 041/2015 and 044/2015, were approved since the last meeting.

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**11.2 NORTH WESTERN LIBRARY COOPERATIVE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**1861 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that :

- (1) Council note the AGM of the North Western Library Co-operative was held on 10 December 2015.
- (2) Council note the contribution for the 2016/2017 financial year will be increased in line with the rate pegging increase as determined by IPART, being 1.8% resulting in an approximate contribution of \$53,000

**11.3 AMENDMENT TO CODE OF CONDUCT**

**1862 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs.Keady and Karanouh Council amend its adopted Code of Conduct to incorporate the requirements of the OLG Circular 15-41, relevant to clause 4.29, noting the amended Code was presented at the meeting.

**11.4 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

**1863 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council note the information relative to consultation on Phase 1 of the review of the Local Government Act 1993.

**11.5 AMENDMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT – COUNCILLOR MISCONDUCT AND POOR PERFORMANCE**

**1864 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council note the information and action taken by the Office of Local Government under the amendments made to the Local Government Act 1993 relating to councillor misbehaviour and poor performance.

**11.6 NOTICE OF MOTION – OPERATION OF COONAMBLE SWIMMING POOL**

The Mayor spoke to his proposal to have a report prepared regarding the operation of Coonamble pool.

**1865 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Cullen that Council request a report be brought back to the April 2016 meeting detailing the cost benefit of leasing the pool complex in comparison to Council operation with day labour.

*Carried 4 votes / 3 votes*

**11.7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**1866 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report be noted.

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The following items were mentioned:

- Drought funding \$1.5m – it was noted that Council's first proposals under this scheme were submitted prior to Christmas and staff is continuing to work on other projects to submit.
- Saleyards – the Manager of Environmental Services said the inspection took place between himself and agents and a plan has been drawn up. He said a suggestion was put forward that a visit to Gunnedah yards on a sale day would provide some guidance as they are efficient and safe yards.
- Ag Field Day – Cr Cullen said it appears there is wide interest in the field day being organised by the Coonamble RTC to be held on 2 April.

**12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1867 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

**12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS**

**1868 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

i) Library – In response to a question from Cr Schieb earlier, the Director said the library is working very well, providing services to many sectors of the community. Ms Tasker also said many external groups make use of the facility as well – just recently the Seniors have commenced their craft days and are happy with the venue.

ii) National Disability Insurance Scheme – Ms Tasker clarified Council's involvement with the group working in the 12 month lead up period to educate and prepare local people and services for the change to the way disability support and services are accessed.

**12.2 AUSTRALIA DAY 2016 AWARD WINNERS**

The Director provided a report on the Australia Day activities and the dinner on the previous evening with the Ambassador, Byron Watson. She pointed out this was the first time the nominees for awards were invited to the dinner and it was a very successful evening.. Council noted that the breakfast was well attended, with approximately 200 people present.

**1869 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Webb and Keady that the report on the Australia Day activities be noted..

The Director said reports from the activities were all positive and people were impressed with the energy the MC brought to the event.

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Cr Karanouh reported on the event at Gulargambone, saying about 120 people were present. He said he was excited when asked to present the OAM Award to Mr Colin Ryan, who is a very worthy recipient – for his voluntary work at Gulargambone over many years.

**1870 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council agree to purchase 50 plastic chairs and two collapsible tables (funds to be sourced from the Donation Vote) for use at functions in Gulargambone, especially the Australia Day event, and they be stored in the Memorial Hall.

**12.3/12.4 WAILWAN CULTURAL SIGNAGE – SIGN LOCATION  
PROPOSAL & ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

**1871 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council agree to install 2 Wailwan Cultural Signs and 5 x large tree sized posts with Wailwan Aboriginal Carvings engraved into each tree post and agree to provide full funding, in an amount of \$3,000.

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

**1872 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Keady that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

**13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS**

**1873 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 29 January 2016 be noted.

**13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS**

**1874 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Keady that the list of investments as 31 January 2016 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 2016/17 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**1875 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council note the information and items to be included for consideration in conjunction with the 2016/2017 estimates be handed to the Director of Corporate and Urban Services no later than Wednesday 9 March 2016.

**13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1876 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council note the information contained in the works in progress section of the Director's report.

**13.5 COONAMBLE MUSEUM UNDER THE BRIDGE**

The Director presented a report from the Museum Curator, Mrs Angie Little, which provided an overview of what she is intending to prepare for visitors to the facility for 2016.

**1877 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that Council note the information contained in the report, thank Mrs Little for her work at the Museum and agree to provide assistance for the setting up of future exhibits at the Museum.

**1878 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council include for consideration in the budget the cost of erecting a suitable enclosure for the coach to be on display in front of the Visitor Information Centre, including sufficient funds to do restoration work to the coach, if required.

In regard to a question about the horse trough, the Mayor said RMS has to approve its location at the roundabout at the intersection of Castlereagh and Tooloon Streets.

**13.6 RURAL FIRE SERVICE ESTIMATES 21016/2017**

**1879 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that Council approve the budget of \$4,126,858 for the North West Zone of the NSW Rural Fire Service for the 2016/2017 financial year, noting Council's contribution will be approximately \$115,882.

**14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**1880 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

**14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1881 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

*Councillor Keady declared an interest in the following matter and did not take part in discussion or voting.*

**14.2 ADDITIONAL ROAD SEALING PROPOSAL – BACK COMBARA ROAD CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE**

The Director provided information on the proposal to provide an all-weather surface on the Back Combara road to facilitate access to the Combara silos and reduce maintenance

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**1882 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that Council investigate external funding sources such as the Fixing Country Roads Program and that the work be carried out over a longer term, staged basis.

Cr Schieb said he was not in favour of this motion, pointing out Council has not undertaken any bitumen sealing of roads in past years and it should utilise its own funds to carry out the work on the Back Combara road.

**AN AMENDMENT**

**PROPOSED** by Cr Schieb **SECONDED** by Cr Karanouh that Council use funds allocated to the sealing of Macquarie Street and Pages Terrace, re-allocating them to carry out bitumen works on the Back Combara Road.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS LOST.**

**14.3 FUNDING FOR STAGE II OF LEVEE UPGRADE – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**1883 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council note the application for the second stage of the levee had been unsuccessful, that another round of funding had opened and Council is submitting an application on a 6:1 ratio.

**14.4 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN REVIEW**

**1884 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council formally adopt the Pesticide Use Notification Plan – a copy of which was presented to the meeting.

**14.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

**1885 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council resolve to place the Draft Waste Management Strategy on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, calling for written submissions, prior to formal adoption.

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

**1886 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that the following matters be classified 'urgent business' and dealt with.

**14.5 WHEEL STOPS**

**1887 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that Council retain 45 deg angle parking on both sides of the street and install wheel stops, noting that the RMS and Police have been notified that Council will proceed.

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**14.7 PLANT UPGRADE – WIDENING DOLLY**

**1888 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh that Council authorise the bringing forward to the 2015/2016 year the purchase of a widening dolly at a budget of \$75,000.

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

**15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**1889 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

**15.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**1890 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Keady that the information contained in this item be noted.

**15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016**

**1891 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the Ranger's report for the months of December 2015/January 2016 be noted.

**16.0 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – 31/12/2015**

**1892 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council deal with the quarterly budget review for the December quarter.

**1893 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that \$200,000 from Unsealed Roads Reserve be transferred into the Unsealed Roads Maintenance vote.

**1894 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Karanouh 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 December 2015.

**17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

**1895 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the reports / minutes from various committees be dealt with.

17.1 Coonamble Employment Circle – minutes of meeting on 15 December 2015.

17.2 Traffic Committee – minutes of meeting on 10 December 2015.

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**1896 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that the minutes from the Coonamble Employment Circle and the Traffic Committee be noted.

At this juncture, 1.10 p.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.10 p.m. Cr. Karanouh was not present upon resumption of the meeting and did not return.

**ADDRESS BY POLICE**

The Mayor welcomed Superintendent Jim Stewart and Sergeant Adam Summers to the meeting and thank them for making time available.

Supt Stewart introduced Sgt Summers to Council – Supt Stewart said currently staffing levels at Coonamble are down and Walgett police have been attending to maintain the service. He said that during the day one officer will do shifts, however at night two officers are always rostered to work together. He said five attempts have been made to recruit police, however they have not been successful, however he has made application to have two probationary constables made available and is still awaiting a decision. Supt Stewart said over the board there has been a reduction in crime in Coonamble, however police are experiencing ongoing incidents in Gulargambone.

Supt Stewart invited Sgt Summers to give Council a brief overview of his history. Sgt Summers said he has a sound knowledge of general duties and country policing, he has had experience in supervising staff and feels he is well equipped to take on the role of Sergeant in Coonamble.

When discussing problems attracting staff, the Superintendent said it comes down to classification of the area – Walgett is ‘special remote’ – Coonamble ‘remote’ and does not have the same incentives.

The two officers answered questions and spoke generally to Councillors prior to leaving the meeting at 2.38 p.m.

**18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT**

**1897 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs. Keady and Walker that the Saleyards report be received.

**17.1 Sales / 17.2 Saleyards Account**

**1898 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Keady that the above two items in the Saleyards Report be noted.

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**19.0/20.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**1899 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”*”

**1900 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

**RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**1901 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

**1902 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Keady and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation No. 19.1 and Recommendation No 20.1, as set out hereunder:

**19.1 Farming**

**That Council :**

*call for expressions of interest to lease part of Coonamble Common, the Meglo and the airport paddock for farming and that three separate leases be prepared.*

**20.1 Plant Replacement**

**That Council :**

*accept the tender submitted by Ausroads Stabilisers Pty Ltd for the supply and delivery of a used Caterpillar RM500 machine at a cost of \$214,775.00.*

**21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Schieb:

- Advised the RMS inspection station is underway – it proposes to dig the pit shortly and the facility will be used between 22 – 28 days/annum.
- Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council – advised that some funding has been withdrawn – questioned whether there should be two delegates for each constituent council as there are only six workers employed.

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**1903 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Schieb and Burnheim that Council request Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council to amend its constitution to provide for one delegate from each constituent Council in lieu of the current two delegates per council.

Cr Cullen:

- Thanking Council for its support with the Ag Field Day and suggesting Council purchase a site for a display.
- Coonamble Cemetery – lawn section – requested that it be cleaned up and burrs eradicated.

Cr Keady:

- Request from Mark Regan for Council to carry out slashing around rock at rest area.
- Positive comments regarding the appearance and presentation of the main street.
- On behalf of Junior Cricket – asking that mowing be carried out.
- Lighting at showground – GM advised that Manager of Environmental Services will have a report to next meeting – inspection of the area with electrician has taken place.

Cr Burnheim:

- Asked about next LG elections – GM said Electoral Commission has advised that, at this stage, they will be held in September 2016.
- Abattoir licenses granted – economic decision as to when they will commence operation.

Cr Walker:

- Health Council – request for swings for under 5s to be put in park. Health Council still concerned about house numbers.

**1903 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Burnheim that Council consider in conjunction with the budget the installation of swings and play equipment for little children under 5 years.

Director of Corporate & Urban Services:

- Advised he has had one enquiry regarding the RTC upgrading works.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

Pages (1/5802 to 18/5819) confirmed on the **NINTH** day of **MARCH 2016** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **10 FEBRUARY 2016**.

**MAYOR**

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