

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SHIRE CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH
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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 Davids, 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

Four bookings had been made for public question time :

- Members of the CSC Youth Council
- Mrs Anne Kennedy
- Mr Adam Robinson
- Mr Shane Pettiford

4.0 APOLOGIES

1957 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that an apology be accepted from Cr Cullen, who will be late arriving at the meeting.

i) Mr. Shane Pettiford – Request for Water Extension

Mr Pettiford informed the meeting that he had written, requesting Council to extend town water to his property at 29 River Road. He said the property is not actually on the river, but draws water from a channel within the river bed. He said he had a meeting with the Director of Engineering Services yesterday and disputes the distance quoted for the main extension. Mr Pettiford said his property is located within town limits, he pays residential rates and is of the opinion that he is entitled to a water service.

A question was asked as to how town water extensions are funded – the General Manager said that when a new development is undertaken, the provision of services is the responsibility of the developer. Mr Warren said that if the main is within 225 metres from the property boundary there is a water access charge. He said, at one stage, Council was looking at extending the water supply to “The Meglo”, however it was not possible without providing an additional reservoir. The General Manager said that Council looks at each request for an extension of town water on an individual basis.

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Mr. Pettiford said he would be prepared to contribute towards the extension of the town water to his property. He thanked Council and left the meeting at 9.15 a.m.

Councillor Cullen arrived as Mr Pettiford left.

CLOSED SESSION

1958 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Closed Session be brought forward due to some Councillors not being able to remain at the meeting later in the day.

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

The Department of Planning has made arrangements for representatives to attend the meeting at 11.00 a.m. to brief Council on the draft Central West & Orana Regional Plan.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

18.0/19.0/20.0 CLOSED SESSION

1959 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim 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"

1960 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

1961 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

1962 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.18.1, 19.1 – 19.3 and 20.1, as set out hereunder:

18.1 Coonamble Pool Operations

That Council maintain the status quo of operations at the Coonamble Pool.

19.1 Tender – Supply & Delivery of Traffic Safety Signage – T291516OROC

That Council:

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- a) *accept the tenders of both Artcraft Pty Ltd (No 1) and Barrier Signs Pty Ltd (No 2) and award this contract for period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2018; and*
- b) *allow for a provision of a 12 month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31 March 2019.*

19.2 Tender – Provision of Road Water Meters – REGPRO271516

That Council not commit to participate in this tender and make other arrangements for the provision of water meters.

19.3 Tender – Supply & Delivery of Stationery – REGPRO281516

That Council commit to participate in Tender REGPRO281516 and accept the tender of Staples Australia

20.1 Expressions of Interest – Meglo, Common and Airport

*That Council inform Michael Heaney it will accept \$80.50/ha plus GST for lease of the Common, Meglo and Airport areas and, if not accepted, Council negotiate with other interested parties **AND FURTHER**, that authority be given to affix the Common Seal to relevant documents.*

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

1963 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 9 March 2016 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

*Page 2/5821 – ii) Cr Schieb asked whether there were any direct descendants of the Wailwan People in the Coonamble Shire **NOT** “...there are no direct descendants of the Wailwan People...”.*

Business Arising from Minutes:

i) **River Clean Up** – the General Manager advised that the week following last Council meeting, staff was rostered for one day to clean the river in the vicinity of the bridge.

ii) **Thanks to Council** – Cr Keady thanked Council for supplying water for use during the Stockman’s Challenge and Campdraft at the Showground. Cr Cullen referred to the recent Ag Field Day, thanked Council for its assistance and said the event was a great success.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

1964 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

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8.1 Resolutions in Progress

i) **Gulargambone Skate Park** – the General Manager said that installation of the skate park equipment would begin on Monday 18 April.

ii) **Wheel Stops** – reference was made to the wheel stops which have recently been installed – regarding parking infringements, the General Manager said he had instructed the Environmental Services Department to not pursue parking offences, preferring to give people time to become accustomed to the new arrangements. Mr Warren said that monitoring of parking is a low priority for Council, however the Police may issue infringements. Both the Mayor and Cr Keady said the wheel stops and lines look good and parking in the area has certainly improved.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

1965 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral Report be received and dealt with.

i) Country Mayors' Association Meeting

Council noted the Mayor's report on his attendance at the Country Mayors' Association meeting on Friday 11 March. The Mayor informed Council that the Association now has a membership in excess of 40 country councils – each of which is facing similar challenges within their communities. Cr Webb said attendance provides an opportunity for Mayors to discuss issues with Ministers in a more intimate environment.

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh about 'black spots' in our area – the Mayor said there was no mention of where the new towers are being located, however Council through the Economic Development Manager, is pursuing this matter.

URGENT BUSINESS – MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

1966 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Webb and Walker that the following matter be classified 'urgent' and dealt with:

ii) Mayoral Visits – Gulargambone & Quambone

Councillors noted that the Mayor has commenced monthly visits to both centres to give residents the opportunity to meet with him and discuss any issues they may have. The first of these visits took place on 7 April – at Gulargambone the following issues were discussed:

- Gulargambone pre school
- Recycling
- Derelict houses in Gulargambone
- Gulargambone sportsground.

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Only one person took the opportunity to meet with Cr Webb – he was happy with how the village is being maintained, he said the road network was adequate for the needs of the community and the only facility need is a fuel outlet.

iii) Dob-in-a-Dealer Launch

The Mayor said that on Monday 11 April 2016, this campaign was launched in Coonamble – Supt Jim Stewart, Castlereagh LAC, NSW Assistant Commissioner Peter Barrie & Mr Geoff Askew, Director of Crime Stoppers attended. The launch took place on the lawn in front of the Library and members of organisations, along with some interested individuals, were there. The Mayor said he hopes the public will engage with Crime Stoppers in this campaign.

Catering Caravan

As a result of the Mayor's visit to Gulargambone, a suggestion was made that Council look into the feasibility of purchasing a catering caravan which could be used at events and, when not in use, stored at the depot. Cr Keady said this was a great idea and it was agreed to include the cost of a unit in the 2016/2017 draft budget.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

1967 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE RODEO ASSOCIATION S5(47457)

The General Manager informed Council that the organisation making the request – Coonamble Rodeo Association – is not the one usually conducting the event - previously being the Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft.

Mr Warren also reminded Council that it is committed to general ground preparation as well as the contribution towards the portable toilet block. The Mayor questioned the need to provide an additional toilet/showers block, because an extra ablutions area has recently been built.

1968 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Burnheim that Council :

- (a) advise the Coonamble Rodeo Association that it will provide general ground maintenance at the showground prior to the event as in previous years;
- (b) agree to cover the expense of the portable toilet/shower block, as included in the budget, for this year;
- (c) request copies of the audited 2014/2015 financial statements;

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(d) advise the Coonamble Rodeo Association that any further requests for assistance need to be specific, not of a general nature.

Public Question Time (cont'd)

ii) Coonamble Shire Youth Council

At this juncture, the Mayor welcomed two members of the CS Youth Council – Marnie Ryan and Tiffany Hardwick. They informed the meeting that they had been elected to give an update of their council's activities over the past year. The youth council consists of 26 members from Coonamble and Gulargambone and it meets twice/term.

The youth council representatives told Council about issues which had been identified :

- Nothing to do – they co-ordinated the youth week program to make sure activities are what interest young people – also involved with the Gulargambone after school program.
- Drugs and crime – invited the police to a Youth Council meeting to answer questions and let them know can they can be involved. Held a forum at Gulargambone and issues identified were passed to the Coonamble Alcohol & Drug Initiative – giving young people a voice in this important issue.
- Grant funding – since the Youth Council started it has been successful in obtaining the following funding:
 - Bang the Table \$49,000
 - Youth Wheels \$ 8,500
 - Levee Leapers \$34,000
 - Go Gular \$23,000

This is funding that specifically relies on the involvement of the Youth Council, i.e. "youth led".

Thanking Council for its support and the opportunity to speak at the meeting – finally, hoping that the adult community can see that not all young people are bad influences. The girls left the meeting at 9.40 a.m.

iii) Mr Adam Robinson

Mr Robinson was present on behalf of Mr Mark Zell – he referred to the tax invoice Mr Zell received from Council - in the vicinity of \$7,000 - for repairs to the Wilbur Road and disputed that repairs would have cost that amount. He also referred to an infringement notice received by Mr Zell – saying let that stand – but asking Council to reconsider this matter.

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The Mayor told Mr Robinson that Council dealt with the issue at the March meeting, when a resolution was passed to charge Mr Zell for repairs and before it can be discussed again, a notice of rescission must be received. The matter could then be raised in General Business.

Mr Robinson thanked Council for its time and urged it to reconsider its decision. He left the meeting at 9.47 a.m.

iv) Mrs Anne Kennedy

Mrs Kennedy provided a short update on the position of coal seam gas activities within the area and, in particular, 'the Pilliga'. Council noted that she had forwarded a letter and many attachments for Council's consideration, however the email was received this morning and could not be included on today's agenda. Mrs Kennedy was advised the matter would be listed for consideration at Council's next meeting on 11 May. She thanked Council and left the meeting.

At this juncture, 9.51 a.m., Council's Economic Development Manager and Mr. Paul Backhouse arrived at the meeting.

10.2 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL R8-10

The General Manager suggested that the request for the School to hold *Pink Stump Day* and close Castlereagh Street on 16 June, be forwarded to the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce for comment and consultation between the proponents and the business proprietors in the main street and the outcome be conveyed to Council.

1969 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council advise the Coonamble Public School that it will consider the request when the outcome of consultation between the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce, business proprietors and the proponents is known and the information conveyed to Council.

10.3 OUTBACK ARTS A11

1970 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Outback Arts be advised Council has no staff with appropriate qualifications to provide a building report, however it provide \$150 towards the cost of employing an appropriately qualified person.

10.4 GULARGAMBONE CAMPDRAFT CLUB D7(47449)

Council noted the Club requested provision of water for the event which was being held from 8 – 10 April 2016. The Club was informed that payment for water used was required and, if it wished to request reimbursement from Council,

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a letter in that vein should be forwarded. The General Manager said he anticipated the amount would be in the vicinity of \$200.

1971 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Schieb and Keady that if the Gulargambone Campdraft Club seeks a refund of the water charges paid for its event that Council agree to reimburse the Club from the donations vote.

10.5 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY G1

The General Manager referred to Council's Waste Management Strategy, recently on display for public comment, which recommends that metals, organics and food waste be managed at the landfill site, with residents transporting these bins to the landfill and said the *Local Government Organics Collection Systems* grant may be an opportunity to apply for funding to implement some of the recommendations.

Mr Warren said that grant funding under this program would be applied to the establishment of infrastructure to EPA standard, then it would become Council's responsibility to operate, maintain and market the end result.

1972 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Keady that Council note the opening of the *Local Government Organics Collection Systems* grants by the NSW Environmental Trust.

Section B: For Council's Information:

10.6 THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP L10-1(47373)]

Writing to the Mayor advising the deadline for submissions on the Government's 35 original merger proposals has closed and providing an update on the Fit for the Future reforms. Saying delegates will now prepare reports having regard to the factors outlined in the *Local Government Act 1993* and those reports will be provided to the Local Government Boundaries Commission for review and comment.

Stating that the Government is committed to doing what is in the best interest for ratepayers through sustainable councils that can deliver the services and infrastructure that ratepayers deserve.

10.7 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION L10(47399)

Writing to the Mayor, providing a copy of the Australian Local Government Association's submission to the 2016 Federal Budget. Pointing out the submission is titled *Investment in an Innovative and Prosperous Future* and reflects the role councils play in supporting and stimulating investment and local economic activity.

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10.8 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE F5-4(47419)

Advising Council's application for funding under the 2015-16 Floodplain Management Program for Stage 2 of the levee upgrade has been activated from the reserve list. Offering Council financial assistance of up to \$3,105,454 for the project.

10.9 CENTRAL WEST COUNCILS ENVIRONMENT & WATERWAYS ALLIANCE E5-3(47420)

Advising Council is a member of the Alliance (formerly the Salinity & Water Quality Alliance), the aim of which is:

To be an active partnership of Councils across the Central West of NSW, engaging all tiers of Government and our Communities, contributing to the protection and enhancement of the environmental, social and cultural condition of our part of the world.

Advising that Gilgandra Shire Council, which administers the Alliance funds, will invoice Council at the start of the next financial year. Stating the larger councils (Bathurst, Orange and Dubbo) contribute \$5,250/annum, whilst other member councils each contribute \$3,150/annum which is CPI indexed, so there will be a slight increase in the next financial year.

10.10 THREATENED SPECIES COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT E5(47414)

Seeking assistance in the fight against extinction caused by feral cats – saying last year he released Australia's first *Threatened Species Strategy* which establishes ambitious targets to recover threatened species. Saying that Council is not running any feral cat management activities, asking that it join the fight to save Australia's wildlife by establishing and supporting local feral cat trapping initiatives like Griffith City Council.

10.11 NSW INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS H5(47432)

Advising the Minister for Industrial Relations has declared local public holidays on Wednesday 4 May 2016 and Wednesday 31 May 2017 within the Coonamble Shire Council area on the occasion of the second day of the annual show. Saying the necessary Order under the *Public Holidays Act 2010* was published on the NSW legislation website on 15 March 2016.

10.12 THE HON TROY GRANT MP G5-6(47465)

Informing Council he has approved \$74,031 under the 2015/16 Public Library Infrastructure Grant Program for Council's project *Creating Spaces*.

10.13 MR KEVIN HUMPHRIES MP

Enclosing response from Ms Gladys Berejiklian, Treasurer, regarding funding of NSW's fire and emergency services.

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Council noted the Treasurer was asked to respond on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, as she is responsible for state taxation policy. The Treasurer's letter advises that the new levy will be based on the value of unimproved land and be used to fund all fire-fighting and SES services in NSW. Pointing out different property-levy rates will be applied to different categories of land – the Government is considering appropriate classifications such as residential, commercial, farmland and public benefit land. The letter further advised that the Emergency Services Property Levy will come into effect on July 1 2017 allowing time for discussion with stakeholders regarding implementation.

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Treasurer has not addressed any of Council's concerns, regarding 'double-dipping' and cost shifting – e.g. will councils be expected to invoice ratepayers, submit money to the Government and be left to undertake debt collection all without recompense? The Treasurer also did not comment on Council's remark - why the Government would not directly invoice property owners through the LPI system.

Cr Burnheim suggested that Council again raise its concerns regarding the implementation of this new levy – the General Manager said he would also contact Local Government NSW regarding its stance on the matter.

1973 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that the information contained in Item Nos.10.6 to 10.13 inclusive be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1974 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that the following matter be classified "urgent" and dealt with:

10.14 MICHAEL GRAHAM T5-1(47455)

Requesting a review of parking control signage on Castlereagh Street north of the roundabout.

1975 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that Council inform the Traffic Committee it has resolved to change parking arrangements in Castlereagh Street, as follows:

- a) from the roundabout to the boundary of the first residential premises on both sides of Castlereragh Street in a northerly direction – 45 degree rear to kerb parking;
- b) for the rest of the street – both sides – in a northerly direction – no designated parking;
- c) arrange to update parking signage accordingly;
- d) investigate all signage throughout the urban area.

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10.15 COONAMBLE GREYHOUND RACING CLUB INC D7(47513)

1976 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Keady and Burnheim that Council agree to provide \$2,500 sponsorship to the Coonamble Greyhound Racing Club for its October long weekend carnival in accordance with previous arrangements.

10.16 FELICITY & BEN JONES P10(47505)

1977 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that Council accept the offer of \$70,000 from Felicity and Ben Jones for Lot No 3 at the Yatton Estate and instruct Waterford Ryan to act on Council's behalf in this transaction.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

1978 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Schieb that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

1979 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Burnheim that Council note Development Application No 006/2016 and Complying Development Application No 001/2016 were approved since the last meeting.

11.2 R.V. FRIENDLY TOWN

1980 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Schieb that Council note Coonamble township has met the criteria of an R.V. Friendly Town.

11.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1981 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that the information contained in the Economic Development Manager's report be noted.

The following items were raised:

- Inland Rail
- Fixing Country Rail – funding is now available – it was suggested that Council's EDM work with GrainCorp, Agrigrain and John Holland, which is responsible for the associated rail infrastructure, to prepare an expression of interest, if appropriate.

Cr Schieb congratulated the Economic Development Manager, Lee O'Connor, on her efforts in assisting and supporting Batterline Earthmoving in its endeavours with the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station which will soon be operational.

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11.4 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AS AT 4 APRIL 2016

The Economic Development Manager was present and provided Council with an update of Council's progress with projects identified for funding under this program.

Council noted that the following two projects were submitted by the initial 24 December 2015 deadline:

- Coonamble Community Facilities Fencing (showground, sportsground, swimming complex) \$190,480
- Combara Community Amenities \$ 60,000

The EDM said further information regarding risk management was requested – this has been supplied and it is expected the outcome will be known within the next week.

Council noted the following projects were earmarked for applications for funding at Council's November 2015 meeting:

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

The report also listed other potential projects that should rank well according to the DCP criteria, which are:

- Coonamble airport upgrade – Paul Backhouse provided information regarding works that could be included for funding under the program – Councillors noted that there are a mix of projects under this heading, however water supply for aerial ag operators is one that could be given priority
- Quambone pool fencing
- Quambone racecourse / sportsground amenities hot water
- Gulargambone showground & racecourse amenities upgrade

Mention was made of the need to carry out improvement works to the sand track at Coonamble racecourse which is unsafe and trainers now use the main track, which requires additional maintenance and water to keep it in an acceptable condition for racing. It was estimated that \$25,000 would be required to repair

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1982 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that Council make application under the Drought Communities Program for funding of \$800,000 to undertake upgrade of grids and gates on public roads project, noting that it meets the DCP criteria.

1983 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Keady and Karanouh that an application be made under the DCP for funding of \$9,000 to supply water at the airport for aerial ag operations, which includes supply and lay poly pipe, provision of 20,000 litre tank, necessary fittings, site preparation and water meter

NOTICE OF RESCISSION – MINUTE NO 1939 OF 9 MARCH 2016

A notice of intention to rescind Minute No 1939 of 9 March 2016, as follows, signed by Councillors Karanouh, Burnheim and Cullen, was handed to the General Manager :

Damage to Shire Road 29B – Wilbur Road

“Resolved ... that Council note the information provided by the Director of Engineering Services on this matter and the cost of repairing the road be recovered from the landholder responsible for the damage”.

1984 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Resolution No 1939 of 9 March 2016 be rescinded and a further report be brought back to the May meeting by the Director of Engineering Services detailing the damage and the cost to repair the road.

At this juncture, 10.35 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 11.00 a.m. Cr. Keady did not return to the meeting after the morning tea adjournment.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT– DRAFT CENTRAL WEST & ORANA REGIONAL PLAN

Upon resumption of the meeting, members of the Department of Planning and Environment’s Dubbo Office were present to brief Council on this draft plan. One of the questions raised was why the plan does not have the same boundaries as OROC – it was noted that Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke are not included.

Ms Dobson said there are 20 Council areas included and changes may be considered after the consultation deadline – Cr Burnheim said he is a member of RDA Orana and Mudgee is included in that organisation – he said it’s very confusing and would be much more straightforward if the areas coincided.

Ms Dobson said the plan was designed with a vision for a sustainable and better future for the region, aiming to grow and diversify the economy over the

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next 20 years by creating more jobs, strengthening communities and sustainable management of resources. She said the draft plan outlines goals and actions to achieve these outcomes.

The briefing on the four goals in the plan was comprehensive and Council thanks the Department of Planning and Environment representatives for making time to present to Council's meeting. They left the meeting at 11.40 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1985 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

1986 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

12.2 STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUNDING – ROUND 2

The Director informed Council that this report had been prepared prior to her receiving advice that the project for play equipment at Gulargambone was not successful.

1987 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that Council note this project was not successful – Council was not invited to submit a full application.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

1988 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

1989 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 March 2016 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

1990 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Cullen that the list of investments as 31 March 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 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1991 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that Council note the information contained in the works in progress section of the Director's report.

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13.4 WRITING OFF OF RATES & CHARGES – ASSESSMENT NO 2487

1992 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that Council resolve to write off the amount of \$3,022.30 from Rate Assessment No 2487.

13.5 DRAFT REVENUE POLICY – 2016/2017

Discussion focused on variations in water charges within the urban areas and Council requested that a report be presented to the May 2016 meeting to clarify this issue.

1993 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that Council agree to place the Revenue Policy for 2016 / 2017, as presented, on public exhibition in conjunction with the Operational Plan, Budget and Delivery Program, calling for submissions, for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2016 meeting in conjunction with any submissions received.

13.6 DRAFT FEES & CHARGES – 2016 / 2017

1994 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council agree to place the draft fees and charges for 2016 / 2017 as presented, on public exhibition in conjunction with the Operational Plan, Budget and Delivery Program, calling for submissions for the prescribed 28 days, prior to formally adopting them at the June 2016 meeting along with any submissions received.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

1995 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Burnheim and Cullen that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

1996 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Karanouh that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

REPORT – COST OF UPGRADING CONIMBIA STREET

1997 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Schieb that the Director of Engineering Services provide a report to Council's May meeting on the cost of upgrading and widening Conimbria Street, from Castlereaigh Highway to its intersection with Wingadee Street.

GRID ON WINGADEE ROAD

Cr Schieb referred to a grid on the Wingadee Road which, in his opinion, requires attention. The Director said that staff has inspected the grid and reported that it was serviceable, however he would inspect the grid himself.

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14.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1998 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council formally adopt the draft Waste Management Strategy which has been on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, noting that no submissions/comments were received.

14.3 LEVEE UPGRADE – STAGE 2

1999 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Shieb and Karanouh that Council note confirmation has been received that funding for Stage 2 of the Coonamble levee upgrade has been approved – tenders for the project close on 19 April 2016, with a report to be submitted to Council's May 2016 meeting.

14.4 PROPOSED TRUCK WASH - GULARGAMBONE

2000 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that Council the information and the costs associated with the establishment of a truck wash at Gulargambone.

14.5 REQUEST FOR WATER SUPPLY – 29 RIVER ROAD, COONAMBLE

Mr. Shane Pettiford addressed Council during public question time concerning his application to have town water extended to his property.

2001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Cullen and Schieb that Council inform Mr Pettiford that it is unable to undertake extension of the town water supply to his property at this stage, however the feasibility of installing a large line to service properties along the highway is being investigated and ask Mr Pettiford what he would be prepared to contribute to have water mains extended to service his premises.

2002 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that Council investigate the feasibility of extending a large water line along the highway to the 8M to service residents in that vicinity.

15.0 REPORT FROM MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2003 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Schieb and Karanouh that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2004 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Burnheim that the information contained in this item be noted.

15.2 RANGER'S REPORT – MARCH 2016

2005 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh Schieb that the Ranger's report for the month of March 2016 be noted.

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BARKING DOGS

Councillors enquired about this matter and said it has been raised with them by members of the public. The General Manager said Council continues to receive numerous and constant complaints concerning barking, yapping and howling dogs – he said that a commonsense approach is taken when these complaints are being investigated.

Mr Warren referred to heavy fines imposed and said that residents are spoken to, followed by written correspondence and, as a last resort, fines will be issued.

The Companion Animals Act gives Council the power to pursue complaints and issue fines for ‘nuisance’ animals, which include barking, and residents must do their part in being responsible for their dogs.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

2006 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the reports / minutes from various committees be dealt with.

16.1 Coonamble’s Energy Future – Public Forum held on 7 March 2016 at Coonamble Bowling Club.

16.2 Coonamble Showground User Group Representatives – meeting held on 29 March 2016.

2007 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the notes / minutes of the above two meetings be noted.

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT

2008 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that the Saleyards report be received.

17.1 Sales / 17.2 Saleyards Account

2009 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Burnheim and Karanouh that the above two items in the Saleyards Report be noted.

21.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

22.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Karanouh:

- Requested additional copies of the Visitor Information Guide – the Director of Community Services will arrange. When asked about new booklets, the Director said that they are updated every two

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years so information is current. Current stock will be exhausted prior to new ones being printed.

- Trees in the main street – the General Manager said work on removal of the trees and replantings would commence on Saturday afternoon, 16 April and be completed on Sunday 17 April. He said there will be a traffic plan in place.
- Census – Suggested Council give publicity to the importance of everyone completing a census form as the information is used for grant applications, planning issues and other important data.

Cr Schieb:

- Requested that Council write to appropriate authorities regarding the prolific growth of bamboo in the river bed and the build up of sand and request that action be taken so the river bed is less congested.

Cr Cullen:

- Mrs Anne Kennedy – the General Manager said Mrs Kennedy's correspondence will be on the May meeting agenda.
- Draft Regional & Orana Plan – the General Manager said there has been consultation with OROC and general managers regarding this draft plan. Mr Warren said he would put forward information for Council to consider at the next meeting so that a submission can be forwarded.

Cr Burnheim:

- Congratulated the organisers of the ag field day – which was an outstanding success.

Manager – Environmental Services:

- Thanked Council on behalf of the residents of Macquarie Street and Coonamble Terrace for the sealing of these two streets – saying the work has alleviated dust problems previously encountered and all residents are very thankful.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.05 p.m.

Pages (1/5835 to 18/5852) confirmed on the **Eleventh** day of **MAY 2016** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **13 APRIL 2016**.

MAYOR

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