

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH
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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Tom Cullen, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the Director of Community Services, Ms Davids, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services, Mr. Quarmby, the Director of Engineering Services, Mr Chudek 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 – past, present and future.

3.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No delegations were booked for the meeting – however, two appointments were made for the Public Question Time session.

Ms Gemma Jordan will address Council on behalf of Castlereagh Industries (St Vincent de Paul Society) regarding fees charged at the local landfill. At 9.45 a.m. Mrs Alison Dent, on behalf of the Gulargambone Enterprise Co-operative, will make a power point presentation regarding projects planned for Gulargambone.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh regarding an additional property purchase, the General Manager informed him that he would need to include it on his next pecuniary interest declaration and that it was noted in the minutes.

Two other declarations were made:

i) Cr Churchill – Castlereagh Industries presentation and letter regarding fees charged at the local landfill - has a brother employed by the organisation.

ii) Cr Walker – Coonamble Aboriginal Football Club – requesting sponsorship - son plays for the Club.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2534 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 12 April 2017 be confirmed.

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Business Arising from Minutes:

i) **CCTV Camera – NAB Corner** – Cr Karanouh referred to the positioning of the camera, saying there is a “blind” spot caused by the pole. The Director of Corporate & Urban Services offered Cr Karanouh and other councillors the opportunity to review coverage during the morning tea adjournment.

ii) **Additional Security Cameras** – Cr Wheelhouse referred to an earlier suggestion that additional cameras be placed in other locations around the town – he asked the present status. The Director informed the meeting that this will be a staged project and the wireless network infrastructure must first be in place prior to being able to provide remote camera sites.

iii) **Solar Farm** – the question was raised as to whether Council could provide a solar farm – the meeting noted that a private individual is in the process of establishing a similar facility.

iv) **Report – Water Extension south of Coonamble** – the Mayor referred to the report which the Director of Engineering Services was to re-submit on this matter. It was agreed that it be submitted to the June meeting.

v) **Bore Baths Proposal** – the General Manager said the Coonamble Racecourse has responded saying it is very interested in working with Council on this project and will be having discussions with Council. Mr Warren also advised that GHD has been engaged to carry out preliminary investigations/scoping etc for the project – he again reminded Council that it will be a lengthy process.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2535 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) **Relining Quambone Hall** – Council noted that local builders have been contacted, but are not interested in providing quotes. It was agreed that Council advertise for expressions of interest for the job.

ii) **Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Inc** – the General Manager informed the meeting that he has spoken to John McMullen, a member of the RTC Board, however the Financial Statements have only just been received and he would like to discuss with Mr McMullen before bringing to Council.

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iii) **Painting Mural on Reservoir** – Cr Karanouh presented a proof of the proposed work to the meeting – a concern was raised regarding the black background however Cr Karanouh said the colour is guaranteed for a minimum of 20 years. The meeting noted that \$25,000 has been allocated to complete the project. The General Manager referred to Council's Public Art Policy (a copy of which was provided with the business paper). Cr Churchill suggested that the proof be put on public exhibition, however Cr Karanouh said that everything has been arranged to commence the work within the immediate future.

2536 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council adopt the design and proceed with the project, noting that \$25,000 has been earmarked for its completion.

2537 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that the above matters be noted.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2538 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral activity report be received and dealt with.

9.1. Certificate of Service – Former Councillor Don Schieb

2539 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Webb and Karanouh that Council endorse the nomination of former Councillor Don Schieb for a Certificate of Service.

The Mayor briefly reported on other matters he has dealt with since the April meeting :

- Meeting with Minister for Police, Troy Grant – very positive. The Minister said following the restructure of the NSW Police Force, five deputy commissioners would be appointed – one specifically for Regional NSW. The Minister is backing Council's call for reclassification of Coonamble as 'special remote' and suggested when the deputy commissioner is appointed, Council make arrangements for an appointment to push for this classification.
- Police Community meeting – held on 24 April – matters discussed included crime trends and statistics, together with police staffing and activities. The Mayor said Superintendent Stewart was disappointed that many invitees did not attend the meeting. The principals of St Brigid's School and Coonamble Primary School were present.
- ANZAC Day – the Mayor said he attended both services on ANZAC Day and made comment on the number of young people and the manner in which they presented themselves.

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Inland Rail Update – The Mayor presented a late report detailing his meeting with Mary Diab and Richard Hackett regarding the current status of the inland rail route. He said Council's submission had been received and considered, however the option to come as far as Coonamble will not be considered further. The current proposed section from Mt Tenandra to Pilliga will not be changed – considerable consultation is taking place with landholders in this section to minimise impact on their operations.

The Mayor pointed out the proposed options from Curban to Mt Tenandra still consist of :

- directly to Mt Tenandra from Curban; or
- from Curban to south of Gulargambone, then along the Box Ridge Road to Mt Tenandra.

Indications from conversations with landholders in the area tend to favour the Gulargambone option, however a decision is expected to be made within three months.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2540 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 GULARGAMBONE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE INC PR2606-02(49378)

2541 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council inform the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre Inc that it does not accede to the request for the exemption of rates for the RTC building.

10.2 COONAMBLE ABORIGINAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE D7(49457)

2542 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council agree to a sponsorship of \$1,000 from the Development Fund to assist in having a team from the Coonamble Aboriginal Football League take part in the Walgett and Dubbo Aboriginal Knockout Competition 2017 for the Tracker & Maggie Robinson Memorial.

Section B: For Information Only:

10.3 HON DON HARWIN MLC – MINISTER FOR THE ARTS L4-1(49417)

Advising he has approved \$31,200 under the 2016/2017 Public Library Infrastructure Grant program for Council's project entitled *Open Spaces*. Saying this funding will enable Council to continue to deliver excellent library services to the community.

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Council noted that this funding would be used to repair library flooring by replacing carpet squares and worn vinyl sections.

10.4 NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL L10(49416)

Advising Council resolved to resign from financial membership of LGNSW – saying the reasons were varied however the majority of Councillors shared the view that LGNSW no longer provides the strong leadership or advocacy that Councils and their communities expect and require. Saying that a steering group has been established and determined that a letter be written to all NSW councils seeking their views and feedback.

10.5 ALISON DENT ON BEHALF OF GULARGAMBONE ENTERPRISE CO-OPERATIVE

Advising the co-operative wish to establish an attraction in Gulargambone and seeking Council support of the concepts.

Mrs Dent will be present at the meeting later this morning to address Council and provide a power point presentation.

2541 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Karanouh that the information in Item Nos. 10.3 to 10.5 inclusive be noted.

Castlereagh Industries – Increased Costs – Coonamble Landfill

At this juncture, 9.30 a.m., Gemma Jordan, Paula O'Connor and Janis Nicol arrived at the meeting. Ms Jordan spoke on behalf of Castlereagh Industries, which employs 22 persons, regarding the huge increase in fees being charged at the local landfill since the new contract began.

The General Manager said he had spoken with the manager of Castlereagh Industries previously regarding the problem and has also spoken with the new contractor. Mr Warren informed the meeting that the waste from Castlereagh Industries is classified as 'compacted waste' and the contractor is charging the correct fees, as adopted by Council.

Ms Jordan said the organisation has endeavoured to source other business, but because of Coonamble's isolation, there are very limited options. Mrs O'Connor suggested that Council look at a non-commercial classification to relate to Castlereagh Industries.

Council noted that a report to Closed Session is on today's agenda and Council would make a decision following consideration of that report.

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The Mayor thanked representatives of Castlereagh Industries and they left the meeting. At this stage Council welcomed Mrs Alison Dent on behalf of Gulargambone Enterprise Co-operative.

Gulargambone Enterprise Co-operative – Projects at Gulargambone

Mrs Dent explained that the Co-operative wish to establish an attraction in Gulargambone and said she has two projects to put forward today. Project 1 is a visual street art event and Project 2 the installation of a large sculpture of a bullock wagon to be placed on a site yet to be determined in Gulargambone. Mrs Dent proceeded with the power point presentation and said that, at this stage, she is seeking Council support of the concepts. Pointing out that money has been provided to develop the concepts and applications for further funding will be made. She said she is also seeking financial support from Council and will be applying to both State and Federal Governments to assist with the projects.

The Mayor suggested that Mrs Dent provide a list of what she would require from Council – he said to provide costs associated with the proposals, preferred locations and permission to use Council buildings and pavement. Mrs. Dent thanked Council and left the meeting at 10.10 a.m.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2542 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2543 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note no Development Applications or Complying Development Applications have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY

2544 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council place the draft policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 day period, inviting comment AND FURTHER, that the policy be formally adopted at the June meeting taking into account any submissions received.

11.3 PROCUREMENT POLICY

2545 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council formally adopt the Procurement Policy which has been on public

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exhibition for the prescribed period of 28 days, noting that no submissions or comments were received.

11.4 COUNCILLOR FEES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

Council noted that it has always adopted mid-point fees, however with more emphasis on governance and regulation of Council activities, additional duties and time that will be involved, decided for this year to give consideration to adopting a higher rate

A Motion

PROPOSED by Cr Walker **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that Council adopt the maximum fee of \$11,570 (councillors), plus an additional \$25,250 (mayor) **was lost**.

2546 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council adopt the mid-range fee of \$10,160 for councillors and \$19,280 for mayor, effective from 1 July 2017 for the 2017/2018 year.

11.5 WESTERN SLOPES GAS PIPELINE – PILLIGA TO CONDOBOLIN

The General Manager provided Councillors with a circular from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure on the process and procedure associated with the assessment of state significant development and infrastructure.

2547 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council not support the Western Slopes gas pipeline project going through the Coonamble Shire.

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

2548 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Karanouh that Council :

- a) note the proposed APA gas pipeline is designated State Significant Infrastructure;
- b) note it is not the consent authority, but the Minister for Planning and Environment;
- c) note it will have an opportunity, during the exhibition stage, to make comment and submission should it resolve to do so;
- d) ensure residents of the Shire are aware of the opportunity to make submissions in regard to the proposal.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

2549 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

2550 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

12.2 TOGETHER BURRUL BINA

The Director provided Council with copies of draft documents the Together Burrul Bina partnership has developed, noting that Council will be involved in progressing action at both the local and regional leader levels. The project entails getting services, especially at the local level, working together and not overlapping. Ms Davids said that Council's support is necessary to help achieve goals.

2551 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Wheelhouse that Council note the information.

12.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING

The Director submitted a draft suite of documents required by the Local Government Act under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework and a comprehensive report outlining the purpose of each and the manner in which they integrate with each other.

2552 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Wheelhouse that Council, having developed a suite of documents to guide its operations for the next one to four years, place the documents (Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Resourcing Strategy and Budget and Long Term Financial Plan) on public exhibition for the prescribed 28 days, inviting submissions prior to formal adoption at the June 2017 meeting, in conjunction with any submissions received.

At this juncture, 10.30 a.m., the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.47 a.m.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2553 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2554 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 April 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2555 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Wheelhouse that the list of investments as 30 April 2017 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 COONAMBLE SHOWGROUND – TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

2556 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the information and costings provided in the report, however not proceed with either option, but increase the Tree Maintenance vote by \$10,000 to cover additional tree plantings in the 2017/18 financial year.

13.3 COSTING FOR SECURITY PATROL

This information was provided in response to a suggestion at a previous meeting that a night time security service be included for consideration in conjunction with the 2017/2018 budget. The Director reported further considerations need to be addressed, such as spread of hours which would include two suitably trained and qualified security personnel. However, using the spread of hours suggested at the March meeting, the service would cost in the vicinity of \$190,000/annum, noting the base hourly rate is \$65.

The Director informed the meeting that unless grant funding is obtained to support the proposed security service, it will not proceed.

2557 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Walker that Council note this item has been included in the estimates for 2017/2018, subject to successful grant funding being obtained to support the project.

13.5 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2558 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note this item of the Director's Report.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2559 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2560 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

i) Gulargambone Bore – the Director reported that quotes for connection of the bore closes shortly – this is the final stage before the bore become operational.

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ii) Development Application – Fuel at Airport – Cr. Fisher referred to the DA submitted for an above ground fuel facility at the airport has progressed – the General Manager said he would investigate and advise.

iii) Flood Damage – the Director reported that the deadline for completion of work is the end of 2017 – he said that all works will be completed by November.

iv) Cleaning of sewer mains – the Director said that this work is in progress – firstly the mains are cleaned and have a camera identify any issues, then they are relined, making sure there are no leaks or influx of ground water.

v) Highway Works – the Director said that an additional \$300,000 has been allocated by the RMS for works on the highway south of Coonamble.

14.2 ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING 2016/2017

2561 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that grant funds saved in the 2016/2017 budgetary cycle be directed to fund further works scheduled on Carinda Road Maintenance Program :

- 1) reconstruction – Carinda Road – 7.806 – 9.506km (1700m) – overall cost \$476,200;
- 2) reseal – Carinda Road – various locations (3600m) – overall cost \$100,800.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2562 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Karanouh that the following item be classified ‘urgent’ and dealt with.

14.3 COONAMBLE LEVEE EASEMENTS

2563 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen :

- 1) that Council proceed to acquire easements by compulsory process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 by authority contained in the Local Government Act 1993 for the purposes of Coonamble flood levees affecting the following lots:
Lot 5 Section 42 DP 758282, Lot 6 Section 42 DP 758282,
Lot 7002 DP 1074943 Lot 7001 DP 1074942
Lot 701 DP 1030430 Lot 7004 DP 1021377
- 2) That minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition.
- 3) That these acquisitions are not for the purpose of resale.
- 4) That the necessary applications be made to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor.
- 5) That authority be given to affix the Common Seal to all documents relative to these acquisitions.

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15.0 REPORT FROM RELIEVING MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2564 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that the report by the R/Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – APRIL 2017

2565 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Cullen and Walker that the Ranger's report for the month of April 2017 be noted.

15.2 REVIEW OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

2566 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Karanouh that Council:

- a) advise the Gulargambone Golf Club Board that it is responsible for all costs associated with the proposal including, but not limited to, advertising, application fees, map fees – such agreement to be provided prior to the submission of the Gateway Determination;
- b) submit the planning proposal for Gateway Determination by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment;
- c) advise the Minister for Planning or his delegate that Coonamble Council is NOT seeking plan-making delegations for this planning proposal;
- d) advise the Minister for Planning or his delegate that the minimum exhibition period for the exhibition of the planning proposal should be for a period not less than 28 days;
- e) upon receiving an affirmative Gateway Determination from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, undertake any additional studies or work required;
- f) upon satisfactory completion, any supporting information publicly exhibit the planning proposal in accordance with the gateway Determination;
- g) following public exhibition of the planning proposal, a report is to be submitted to Council detailing the content of submissions received and how any issues have been addressed.

16.0 DELIVERY PROGRAM & QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

2567 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the quarterly budget review for the period ending 31 March 2017 be received and dealt with.

2568 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Cullen and Walker that Council:

- (1) note the Operational Plan;
- (2) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;
- (3) note that, in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;

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- (4) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 31 March 2017.

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

No reports or minutes were presented to the meeting.

18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – APRIL 2017

- 2569 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the saleyards report for April 2017 be dealt with.

18.1 Sales / 18.2 Saleyards Account

- 2570 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the above two items in the report be noted.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 2571 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

“section 2 :

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

- 2572 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Cullen that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

- 2573 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

- 2574 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 19.1 and 19.2 as set out hereunder:

19.1 Performance Review – General Manager

Council resolves that it conduct the performance appraisal of the General Manager following the June 2017 meeting of Council, subject to confirmation by LGNSW.

19.2 Waste Management Charges

Council resolves to leave the adopted fees and charges for the 2016/2017 year stand and give consideration to options that may provide solutions to issues currently being experienced with costs at the landfill when adopting the Fees and Charges for 2017/2018 at the June meeting.

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CONSIDERATION OF 2017/2018 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET

2575 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the draft operational plan and budget for 2017/2018 be received and dealt with.

The Director of Corporate & Urban Services advised that the draft budget as presented showed a deficit of \$809,814 – he said that it is important that a ‘balanced budget’ be adopted to align with requirements of *Fit for the Future* process.

Council agreed to add \$10,000 to the Tree Maintenance vote and remove the more expensive option for replacement and replanting of trees adjacent to the Coonamble Showground. With regard to street sealing, it was agreed that Herrmann Street, part of Quonmoona Street, part of Reid Street and the small section of Nebea Street be included.

2576 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that Council agree to place the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Revenue Policy and Long Term Financial Plan for 2017 / 2018, 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 2017 meeting in conjunction with any submissions received.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Solar Farm – in response to a question as to whether Council could establish a solar farm, the General Manager said it would be possible, however a private individual is proposing to develop a 5 megawatt solar farm.
- Requested that another truck turning point be provided on the Carinda Road as currently there is only one area trucks are able to turn in wet weather. The Director said the work would be incorporated with other work on that road.

Cr Karanouh:

- Mural on Reservoir at Coonamble Sportsground
- 2577 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council agree to place two floodlights on each of the two poles at the sportsground to provide lighting for the proposed mural.

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- Radio Station – annual contribution – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said that Council does provide an annual contribution of \$5,000 to the Radio Station which is allocated from the Donation Vote.
- Pigeons – requested that another ‘culling’ be carried out in the vicinity of Dubbo and Edward Streets – the General Manager agreed to arrange.
- Tooraweenah Road – the General Manager said that the road is a local road (Shire Road 2). Council may be able to allocate funds at the end of year wrap or look at a joint application with Gilgandra Shire.

Cr Fisher:

- Slashing of road shoulders – drawing attention to the danger caused by high grass along road edges and asking if the worst sections of roads could be slashed. The General Manager said this would be investigated and Council will do what it can with limited funding.

Cr Churchill:

- Referred to high grass along road shoulders on Baradine Road.
- Asked about support for 2828 Café – the General Manager said when the business was starting Council provided seed funding to get it up and running. He said the only money paid to 2828 currently is to provide the library service at Gulargambone. The GM referred to expressions of interest having been called for renewal of the library service – the Director of Community Services said a report would be presented to the June meeting.

Cr Walker:

- Requested that the shrubs in the garden area at the corner of Namoi Street and Warrena Street be cut down as they are too high and pose a sight problem for traffic.

Cr Churchill:

- Referred to letter sent to each Councillor concerning the SES building. The General Manager said he had previously spoken with David Monk who was going to provide plans and design similar to the facility at Mendooran, however there has been no follow-up. The GM said Council must provide a building for the SES and the Service is responsible for maintenance. Mr Warren also said that the RFS building provides a command centre in emergencies. He suggested that prior to making any decision Councillors should inspect the current facility at the next meeting.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

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