

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH
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PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Tom Cullen OAM, 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, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CR CULLEN OAM

The Mayor welcomed Cr Cullen to the meeting and announced that Cr Cullen had been awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for his service to local government and the community. Councillors congratulated Cr Cullen and the Mayor asked that his recognition in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours be recorded in the minutes.

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

Three separate delegations have been organised for the meeting :

- i) Mrs Lorna Lefebvre – representing the Coonamble Amateur Theatre Society.

- ii) Cr Doug Batten & Mr Don Ramsland – representing the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2578 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 10 May 2017 be confirmed.

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Business Arising from Minutes:

i) Costing for Security Patrol

In response to a question from Cr Churchill, the Director of Corporate and Urban Services advised that no funding sources for this project have yet become available.

ii) Bore Baths Proposal

The General Manager that he has been in contact with DPI and has been informed there is no water allocation available and Council may have to buy water on the open market. There are also suggestions of recycling and re-using water for irrigation. Mr Warren said Council is presently negotiating to obtain licences to undertake the proposed use.

iii) Lights at Sportsground

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh, the General Manager said this matter is in hand. He said that Council will have to install its own poles for the lighting as Essential Energy will not allow other infrastructure to be installed on its poles. Mr Warren said that local electricians will be engaged to install the lights.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2579 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

- i) Relining of Quambone Hall-** The General Manager reported that he has received two quotes and can now prepare an application for funding under the Drought Communities allocation.

Mr Warren also reported that the grids and gates project is close to being ready for submission.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2580 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that his Mayoral activity report be received and dealt with.

The following items were included in the Mayor's report:

- i) OROC Board Meeting – the meeting was held in Dubbo on 2 June. The Mayor updated Council on current issues being addressed by the OROC Group. Cr Webb also informed Council that he had had an opportunity to discuss issues with the Premier of NSW, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, who attended the meeting.

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ii) Cr Webb reported that he represented Council at the Waste2Art Awards evening on 18 May; 26 May attended *Sorry Day* at both the High School and the Primary School and met with the Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Education who was in Coonamble on 6 June.

2581 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the information contained in the Mayor's report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2582 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Walker that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS D7(49602)

2583 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council agree to donate a Family Season Pass to Coonamble Pool for the 2017/18 swimming season to help raise funds at the bi-annual school fete on 20 October 2017, noting the value of its contribution will be \$227.00.

10.2 MR MICK DOOLAN PR1008-2(49356)

2584 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Walker that Council advise Mr Doolan that the amount of \$1,239 court recovery costs will stand and should they not be paid, will remain a debt on the property.

10.3 COONAMBLE AMATEUR THEATRE SOCIETY (CATS) D7(49612)

2585 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Churchill and Fisher that Council agree to contribute \$2,000 from the Development Fund to CATS to assist with audio and lighting costs for this year's play which will be held in August.

10.4 GULARGAMBONE ENTERPRISES CO-OPERATIVE

2586 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council advise the Co-operative that it has allocated \$6,000 from its Development Fund, however Council requires additional information, including full scope of works, definite location, final costs, funding sources already committed to the project prior to Council providing its contribution.

Section B: For Information Only:

10.5 SENATOR THE HON FIONA NASH G5-1(49613)

Saying the Coalition Government is making regional jobs and growth a priority and is delivering for regional councils. Announcing that indexation will return to the Financial Assistance Grant program from 1 July 2017 and will deliver a boost of \$78.3m to councils across the nation. Advising Council's funding allocation

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for 2017-18 will be determined by the Local Government Grants Commission shortly.

10.6 RENATE HUME G1-1(49554)

Advising she is concerned about the amount being charged to the Sheltered Workshop for disposal of waste at Council's landfill. Asking what would happen to these people should the centre shut down. Saying surely Council can show some support.

10.7 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT L10

Advising that, in accordance with section 566(3) of the Act, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2017/18 rating year will be 7.5%.

10.8 COONAMBLE SHOW SOCIETY INC L3+S5(49653)

Thanking Council for the manner in which the showground was presented for the 2017 annual show. Saying many comments were received by the Committee about the clean, tidy and presentable ground.

10.9 CHRIS ROCHE O5(49642)

Advising that the third Tour de OROC bike ride is being planned for later this year and saying it will ride from Gilgandra to Walgett on Tuesday October 3 with funds raised going to the Macquarie Home Stay. Stating that riders will stop in Coonamble for lunch on that day and inviting the mayor, general manager and school students to join in for a few kilometres.

2587 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in Item Nos 10.5 to 10.9 inclusive be noted.

Cr Karanouh informed the meeting that there were positive comments regarding the new lights installed at the Showground.

At this juncture, Mrs Lorna Lefebvre arrived at the meeting. The Mayor informed her that Council had already made a decision on her request on behalf of the Coonamble Amateur Theatre Society and agreed to contribute \$2,000. Mrs Lefebvre thanked Council for its support and left the meeting.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2588 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2589 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note Development Application Nos 003/2017 and 008/2017, together with Complying Development Application No 009/2017, have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 2015/2016 WATER & SEWERAGE PERFORMANCE REPORT

2590 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Council note the information pertaining to the 2015/2016 Water Supply and Sewerage Performance Monitoring Report and further that this Council compares reasonably well overall.

11.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 2017

2591 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council resolve to attend the Local Government Conference to be held in Sydney from 4 to 6 December 2017 and that it agree to sponsor four councilors, plus the General Manager, noting the cost per person is in the vicinity of \$2,000.

MOTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

2592 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council submit the following motions to LGNSW for inclusion on its agenda for the Conference :

That Coonamble Shire Council request Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council (CMCC) to increase enforcement of boxthorn eradication within its constituents' areas – in particular, attention be paid to the river systems within the geographic boundaries

That Coonamble Shire Council lobby the State Government for increased funds to enable CMCC to carry out weed control activity within the Shires

That Coonamble Shire Council submit a motion to the annual Local Government NSW Conference calling on the State Government to increase funding for weed control within the State of New South Wales.

11.4 POLICY REVIEW – PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY

2593 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs.Walker and Wheelhouse that Council note its Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy, which was tabled at the meeting, has been reviewed and no changes made.

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11.5 ASBESTOS POLICY

2594 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Cullen that Council adopt the Model Asbestos Policy, as tabled, applicable to the needs of Coonamble Shire Council.

11.6 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES' AGENCY – LOCATION

2595 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that this matter be deferred until Council considers a report on the future of the RTC later in the day during Closed Session.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

2596 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

2597 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

12.2 REGIONAL GROWTH – MARKETING & PROMOTIONAL FUND

2598 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council provide a letter of support to Warren Shire and contribute \$500 from tourism funding towards the project.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2599 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2600 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 31 May 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2601 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that the list of investments as 31 May 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 FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY – DEFERMENT

2602 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the deferral of the Emergency Services Levy.

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13.4 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2603 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the information in this item of the Director's Report.

14.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2604 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2605 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the Director's report on works in progress.

2606 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the Director of Engineering Services provide a report to Council on the layout of the water treatment plant and why the generator cannot be placed in a semi-permanent position on site.

QUARRY MEETING

Cr Wheelhouse said he understands that product is being carted from Dubbo to Walgett because Council cannot provide sufficient rock. He asked whether a meeting of the Quarry Committee could be convened - the General Manager agreed to convene a meeting of the Committee to discuss issues.

14.2 DIESEL TANKER TRAILERS

2607 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council purchase three Durotank Trailers at a total cost of \$73,000, funding to be sourced from the plant account, and dispose of the redundant items.

14.3 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TOWN WATER TO 90KM ZONE SOUTH OF COONAMBLE

2608 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Churchill that another report be provided costing the extension along the Castlereagh Highway south to the 90km zone.

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2609 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – MAY 2017

2610 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the Ranger's report for the month of May 2017 be noted.

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16.0 ADOPTION OF DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

2611 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Wheelhouse that Council proceed to adopt the Delivery Program and Operational Plan as follows:

16.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN

The General Manager informed the meeting that no submissions were received in response to the exhibition of Council's draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

2612 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that, in accordance with Sections 402, 403, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council adopt the Community Strategic Plan, the Delivery Program, the Operational Plan and the Resourcing Strategy, noting that no submissions were received and noting that the Community Strategic Plan, the Delivery Program, the Operational Plan and the Resourcing Strategy were advertised and exhibited for the prescribed period of 28 days, with advertisements being placed in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017.

16.2 ADOPTION OF LEVY OF RATES

2613 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council adopt the making and levying of rates and charges as follows:

(a) Ordinary Rates

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be made and levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$	Minimum (\$548)
Ordinary	1.24	440.00
Ordinary – Village	1.24	430.00
Farmland	0.376	350.00
Small Rural Holdings	0.701	465.00
Rural Residential	0.66	420.00
Business	2.16	490.00

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(b) User Charges - Water and Sewerage

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the User Charges and that in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected in accordance with S552 as follows:

(i) Water:

Town/Village	Access Charge (\$)	Usage Charge 1 st Tier (c/kl)	2 nd Tier Pricing Limit (kl)	Usage Charge 2 nd Tier (c/kl)
Coonamble	254.00	85	450	1.25
Gulargambone	329.00	90	450	1.35
Quambone	329.00	95	430	1.45

Item	Coonamble (\$)	Gulargambone (\$)	Quambone (\$)
Access charge (20mm metre)	254.00	329.00	329.00
Access charge (25mm metre)	399.00	517.00	517.00
Access charge (32mm metre)			
Access charge (40mm metre)	1,016.00	1,316.00	1,316.00
Access charge (50mm metre)	1,588.00	2,056.00	2,056.00
Access charge (65mm metre)			
Access charge (75mm metre)	3,571.00	4,626.00	4,626.00
Access charge (80mm metre)			
Access charge (100mm metre)	6,350.00	8,225.00	8,225.00

(ii) Sewer:

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use – there is no land value based charge.

Residential:

Town/Village	Annual Domestic Charge (\$)
Coonamble – Residential	511.00
Gulargambone – Residential	700.00
Coonamble – Flats	428.00
Gulargambone – Flats	585.00

Non-Residential:

The sewer charge for non-residential services is at minimum charge of:

Coonamble	\$511.00 and
Gulargambone	\$700.00

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Non-residential services are also subject to sewer discharge factor (usage charge) related to water consumption. Further information is contained in Council's Water and Sewer Management Plan.

Treatment Charge – per kilolitre:

Coonamble	91 cents/kl
Gulargambone	111 cents/kl

(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage)

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1 July, 2016 to 30 June, 2017 as follows:

Coonamble	\$280.00
Gulargambone	\$365.00
Quambone	\$315.00
Vacant Land	\$ 48.00

Commercial Waste Management Charge:

Coonamble	\$280/service
Gulargambone	\$365/service
Quambone	\$315/service

(d) Interest on Outstanding Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, interest on outstanding rates and charges is set as per the Determination of the Minister for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June, 2018 @ 7.5%.

(e) Fees and Charges:

Submission – Batterline Earthmoving Pty Ltd - Waste Landfill Fees and Charges

The two points to be considered by Council :

- i) the “domestic” / “commercial” classifications are ambiguous – i.e. domestic cannot mean household, as obviously individuals do not use road trains to take rubbish to the tip and the commercial classification seems to refer to construction waste;
- ii) any waste after a box trailer size should be charged as a tonnage rate.

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2614 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council remove the heading “Domestic & Commercial” from the Fees & Charges for 2017/18 for the Coonamble Waste Landfill and also remove the same classifications from the Gulargambone Transfer Station for 2017/18.

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan (**Fees & Charges**) for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with S405 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017 in accordance with S405 **AND WHEREAS** a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given regarding making of the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges, as amended, for period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, taking into account the submission received concerning charges at the landfill **AND FURTHER** that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539.

16.3. ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 ESTIMATES

2615 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council hereby votes for expenditure for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 the sums set out in the draft estimates considered by Council on 10 May 2016 and advertised in the Coonamble Times on 10 May, 17 May, 24 May and 31 May 2017, details of which are as follows:

<i>Details</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Income</i>
Administration	10,138,757	13,313,806
Public Order & Safety	527,154	254,500
Health	417,350	6,000
Environment	948,455	491,212
Community Services & Education	184,079	1,800
Housing & Community Amenities	383,700	229,300
Water Supplies	1,429,054	2,022,170
Sewerage Services	1,046,010	1,047,025
Recreation & Culture	1,745,617	98,500
Mining, Manufacturing & Construction	1,876,780	1,897,280
Transport & Communication	7,343,899	5,159,580
Economic Services	885,592	338,500
Capital - General	6,385,642	4,692,257
Capital – Water	1,080,000	-
Capital – Sewerage	465,210	-
TOTAL	34,857,299	29,551,930

17.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

There were no committee reports or minutes presented at the meeting.

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18.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – MAY 2017

2616 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Cullen that the saleyards report for May 2017 be dealt with.

18.1 Sales / 18.2 Saleyards Account

2617 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Fisher that the above two items in the report be noted.

Sheep Saleyards

The Manager of Environmental Services reported that following an inspection by Essential Energy, the poles at the sheep yards have been condemned and the wiring disconnected cutting off the power supply.

EPA Inspection – Coonamble Saleyards

The Manager advised a full inspection of the saleyards, dams and truck wash has recently been undertaken by the EPA. The representatives had no problems and Council is waiting on written confirmation of a satisfactory result.

At this juncture, 10.10 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.35 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY CASTLEREAGH-MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

Following the morning tea adjournment, the Mayor welcomed Cr Doug Batten and Mr Don Ramsland – Chair and General Manager respectively of the CMCC.

Cr Batten said the County Council consists of five councils, has a Board of 10 (2 representatives from each council), six full time staff, a part time General Manager and administration support provided by Walgett Shire Council and currently meeting all legislative obligations.

Mr Ramsland informed the meeting that funding is made available by the Department of Primary Industries under the Weeds Action Plan and contributions from constituent councils. These contributions are estimated to increase by 1.5% in the 2017/18 financial year. He said that in future years the Weeds Action Plan funding element will be determined by a committee of the Local Lands Service.

Cr Batten referred to the Biosecurity Act which will become effective from 1 July 2017 and is a “great unknown”. He referred to the four functions, as he understands them, are:

- Prevention - new weeds
- Eradication - “serious” weeds
- Containment - Hudson Pear
- Asset Protection - farming / grazing lands.

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Cr Churchill referred to spraying of boxthorn in the river and asked whether a working relationship could be arranged between the CMCC and water authorities so that this work could continue. Cr Fisher referred to the Biosecurity Act and asked whether it would have some positive effect on weed control in national parks.

Cr Batten and Mr Ramsland thanked Council for its time and left the meeting.

19.0 CLOSED SESSION

2618 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

“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;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; &

(ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council”

2619 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

2620 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

2621 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.19.1 to 19.5 as set out hereunder:

19.1 Gulargambone Library Service

Council resolves that the library service at Gulargambone be offered to the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre for a three year period commencing July 2017, at the quoted price of \$20,600 annually.

19.2 Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council – Exemption from General Rates

Council resolves that it:

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1) *note the legal opinion provided by LGNSW and confirmed by Waterford Ryan, that an exemption under S556 of the Local Government Act 1993 be allowed to Coonamble Local Aboriginal Land Council for the general rates;*

2) *allow an exemption under S556 of the Local Government Act 1993 for exemption for the general rates for land held by the Weilwan Local Aboriginal Land Council.*

19.3 Solar Farm Proposal

Council resolves that it:

1) *note the request from the proponent of the solar farm and consider the closure of roads in conjunction with the assessment of the Development Application;*

2) *note Council will provide an assessment report to the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel in which will be conditions recommended by Council for consideration of the Panel.*

19.4 Flood Damage – Roads – 2016

Council resolves to note the extenuating circumstances, remoteness and emergency nature of the road damage and that repair will result in the tender threshold being exceeded in order to achieve flood damage repairs.

19.5 Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre Building – Committee to Cease Trading

Council resolves to manage the building as it currently operates, with all tenants required to enter into a lease at current rent, with increases in accordance with annual CPI.

11.6 ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES' AGENCY – LOCATION

2622 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council resolve to relocate the RMS Agency to the same building as the VIC, noting the cost of fit-out is between \$5,000 and \$8,000 and that the RMS has renewed its Agency Contract with Council, and further that the Neighbourhood Centre be relocated to the former RTC building.

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

20.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

21.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

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Cr Wheelhouse:

- Mentioned that the Court House at Coonamble is open only two days per week – suggested Council lobby for it to be open more days weekly. The General Manager advised when Council heard of this it wrote to the Attorney General, through the Local Member, who replied saying that arrangements would not change and, in fact, more services were being offered. Pointed out that on line services are also available.
- Area in Charles/Park Streets – drainage non-existent – after small amounts of rain residents are flooded. Requested that an inspection be made. The General Manager suggested that drainage issues throughout the town be included in the budget, however this particular area should be addressed immediately.

Cr Karanouh:

2623 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the scavenging area for Coonamble domestic waste service be extended along the Walgett Road to Bluey's Lane, including the residences in Bluey's Lane.

2624 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council lobby the State Government for increased funds to enable CMCC to carry out weed control activity within the Shires

- Charles / Park / McCullough Streets – drew attention to the inadequate drainage in this area – saying that water ponds for long periods of time following even light falls of rain. The General Manager said this may be a project that Council can include under drought funding guidelines.

Cr Fisher:

- Street Numbering – reported a duplication of property number in Auburn Street – the Director of Corporate and Urban Services said he was aware of the situation and it is in hand.
- Positive comment on the fencing and replacement of gate posts at Gulargambone Cemetery – said it has tidied the area nicely.

Cr Churchill:

- Reported that the Wingadee Road is in a bad condition – the General Manager said it will be inspected.

Cr Walker:

- Requested that attention be given to Hickey Street gutter grading.
- Congratulated staff on the play equipment recently installed in Smith Park – says it has further enhanced the area.

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Director of Corporate & Urban Services:

- Handed out forms to be completed in relation to the Related Party Disclosure Policy.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.03 p.m.

Pages (1/6028 to 16/6043) confirmed on the **12th** day of **JULY 2017** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **14TH June 2017**.

MAYOR