

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COONAMBLE, ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH
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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 A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins, 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 – past and present.

3.0 APOLOGY

Nil

5.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

An enquiry was received to address Council from Mr Mick Doolan, however he did not confirm his attendance. An invitation was extended to former Councillor Don Schieb to attend and receive his Certificate of Service Award.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

One declaration of interest was received – Cr Bill Fisher – regarding Item 10.4 in the Precis of Correspondence from Paul Backhouse, Coonamble Aero Club. Cr Fisher's son is president of the Aero Club.

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

2625 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 14 June 2017 be confirmed.

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2626 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

- i) Generator – Water Treatment Plant – a report to come to the August meeting of Council.
- ii) Quarry Meeting – meeting to be convened prior to August Council meeting.

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9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2627 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) Congratulations to Cr Karanouh and the artists for painting the reservoir at the sportsground, which has become a real talking point.

ii) Reported on discussions with the two representatives from Campbelltown City Council who attended the rodeo and campdraft over the June long weekend.

iii) Met with Inspector David Checkley and discussed issues concerning crime statistics, police numbers and the likelihood of establishing a PCYC in Coonamble.

iv) Attended a meeting of the Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council which was held in Coonamble on Monday 26 June – advised that discussions were held regarding the process to reduce Councillor representation and this is being investigated.

2628 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that the information contained in the Mayor's report be noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2629 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Churchill that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH D7(49669)

2630 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Cullen that Council decline to provide a donation to St Barnabas' Anglican Church for water and sewer charges incurred at the Church in Gulargambone, noting the Church is exempt from payment of general rates.

10.2 OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS C4(49819)

2631 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Our Lady's Rosary Makers be requested to provide the steel cross to Council and staff will erect it in a suitable location in the Catholic Section of Coonamble Cemetery.

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10.3 WESTERN SLOPES PIPELINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE 5(49806)

Extending an invitation to Council to nominate a representative to become a member of the Western Slopes Pipeline Community Consultative Committee.

A copy of the advertisement forwarded by the Committee was attached to the business paper for Councillors' information.

2632 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Churchill that Council nominate Councillor Karanouh for a position on the Western Slopes Pipeline Community Consultative Committee.

At this juncture, Cr. Fisher left the meeting.

10.4 PAUL BACKHOUSE, COONAMBLE AERO CLUB A5

2633 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council agree to carry out aircraft tie-down works, estimated to cost \$5,000 and that this amount be sourced from the Development Fund.

Section B: For Information Only:

10.5 RICKY & TALLAH LOOTEN SR2+SR16(49680)

Writing to say how impressed they are by roadworks on the Tooraweenah Road and the Baradine-Goorianawa road as well as patch jobs on Mungery Road. Saying the contractors are doing an excellent job and thanking Council for carrying out works on these roads.

10.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW L10(49756)

Providing an update regarding this Council's successful conference motion and saying the President raised the matter that the NSW Government include all police stations within a LAC as 'special remote' where the LAC is classified as special remote. Pointing out the issue is on the agenda for the NSW Police Award negotiations as the Award expires 30 June 2017. Saying LGNSW will seek an update on these negotiations.

2634 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in the above Item Nos. 10.5 & 10.6 be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS – SUPPLEMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE

2635 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the following items be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

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10.7 TAFE NSW – COONAMBLE ST3-1(49898)

2636 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council inform TAFE that it does not grant permission to park the bus in the location requested, due to safety issues with traffic stops, however permission be granted for the bus to be parked in Castlereagh Street in front of the Shire Library.

10.8 DAVID FRAZIER – GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK PR2745-7

This matter refers to additional bins for the Gulargambone Caravan Park and a possible reduction in additional charges.

2637 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Wheelhouse that this matter be deferred for consideration later in the day during discussion on Item 11.3 in the General Manager's report.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

i) Mr Mick Doolan

Mr Doolan thanked Council for the opportunity to discuss his request to have legal fees waived. He explained the situation – saying he bought his partner out of a property and following the transaction, the address provided for service of notices was incorrect.

He explained to Council that his rates are paid and up to date, however he has been given limited time to pay the court costs associated with non-payment when he wasn't receiving rate notices at his address in Coonabarabran. Council agreed that the Director of Corporate & Urban Services should review the situation with Mr Doolan and that legal fees will be held in abeyance until a solution is reached.

Mr Doolan thanked Council and left the meeting.

ii) Presentation of Certificate of Service – Former Councillor Don Schieb

At this juncture Mr Don Schieb was present – the Mayor presented Mr Schieb with a Certificate of Service issued by Local Government NSW for his eight years' service to the community as a Councillor. Mr Schieb thanked Council and said he appreciated the gesture. He remained at the meeting and joined Councillors and Staff for morning tea.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2638 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Walker that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

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11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2639 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Fisher that Council note Development Application Nos 010/2017; 011/2017; 013/2017; 016/2017 & 018//2017 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES & FACILITIES POLICY

2640 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council formally adopt the policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors, noting that the draft was on public exhibition for the prescribed period and no submissions or comments were received.

11.3 GARBAGE SERVICE

2641 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that this matter be dealt with.

Cr Karanouh informed the meeting that for many years businesses have been receiving two pick-ups per week and being charged the ordinary (single) collection rate. He said that the status quo should be retained due to health issues. It was also stated that business waste is not "domestic", but "commercial or trade" waste and Council does not have a policy to cover that type of waste.

The General Manager suggested that Council consider the matter in two parts – dealing with the business area separately. He also said the service should be self-sufficient and pointed out there has been no cost increase in domestic waste charges for some years.

- a) Domestic Waste Service – Residential Area - \$280/annum single service. For each additional service, bin is provided and the additional charge is \$280/annum/bin
- b) Domestic Waste Service – CBD Area - \$280/annual x 2 pickups/weekly. For each additional service, bin is provided and the charge is \$280/annum/bin x 2 pickups/week.

2642 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh :

a) Residential:

That the residential area domestic waste service be \$280 per service for one pickup per week each year – each additional service be \$280 per service for one pickup per week per year – includes provision of one bin per service;

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b) Business:

That domestic waste services to the premises paying a business rate be \$280 per service per year with two pickups per service per week – each additional service be \$280 per service per year with two pickups per service per week – one bin supplied per service;

c) That the General Manager negotiate with the owner of the Gulargambone Caravan Park to determine the number of bins required on average over the year and he be charged accordingly.

WEIGHT LIMIT – MOBILE GARBAGE BINS

2643 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that a weight limit of 85 kilograms per 240 litre MGB be fixed so that bins will not be damaged by the lift arm when being emptied.

At this juncture, 10.18 a.m., Council adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.40 a.m., noting that Mr Schieb joined Councillors for morning tea. Mr. David Monk, Regional Controller of the State Emergency Service, was present following morning tea.

URGENT BUSINESS – GENERAL MANAGER’S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

2644 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Churchill that the following matters be classified “urgent business” and dealt with.

11.4 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS

2645 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council nominate the Pilliga Road causeway, the Back Combara/Quambone Roads/Highway intersection and a section of the Carinda Road as projects under the Fixing Country Roads Round 3, noting a report will be provided to the August meeting with more detail.

11.5 GRANT FUNDING – STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

2646 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council nominate the construction of four hard-surface netball courts and a lighting upgrade as a project under the Stronger Country Communities Fund, at an estimated cost of \$800,000, with the co-contribution of approximately \$80,000 sourced from the Development Reserve.

MR DAVID MONK – COONAMBLE SES FACILITY

Council noted that Mr Monk was invited to the June meeting, however was unable to attend. The Mayor thanked him for making himself available today to address Council.

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Mr Monk is the Regional Controller of the SES and said he wanted to discuss with Council the current condition of the local SES facility. He reminded Councillors that SES is a State Government body consisting mainly of volunteers. He said it is the responsibility of the Council to provide a suitable facility for training, operations centre and housing of plant. Mr Monk pointed out that his organization can provide a subsidy of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 to assist Council – saying the asset remains with Council it does not become property of the SES.

The Regional Controller said that recently a new facility has been built at Nyngan – the cost of which was \$300,000. He pointed out that plans would be suitable for Coonamble's purpose, with the exception that a larger operations centre would be required here. In response to a question, Mr Monk said the SES provides council with the criteria for facilities, however it is Council's responsibility to organize building. The General Manager enquired what timeframe would be required, saying Council has put aside \$100,000 in a reserve for the purpose – Mr Monk said the current 'shed' is not suitable however his organization would provide subsidy payments in two financial years if that was necessary. The Regional Controller said the current site is good because in times of emergency helicopters can land adjacent to the facility.

2646(a) RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council allocate \$100,000 from the Development Reserve to the Emergency Services Building Reserve, making this reserve in total \$200,000 and that a new building be constructed on the current site subject to the SES contributing \$150,000 towards the cost of the structure.

The Mayor suggested inspections be carried out in company with Mr Monk – he adjourned the meeting at 11.10 a.m. and the inspections were undertaken. The meeting resumed at 11.30 a.m.

12.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

2647 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Walker that the report by the Director of Community Services be received and dealt with.

12.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRESS

2648 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the information contained in the Community Services progress report be noted.

At this juncture, Cr Cullen left the meeting.

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13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2649 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2650 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 June 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2651 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the list of investments as 30 June 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 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2652 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council note the information in this item of the Director's Report.

URGENT BUSINESS – DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES' SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

2653 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Churchill that the following matter be classified "urgent business" and dealt with.

13.4 PAINTING OF WATER TOWER – UPDATE

The Director provided a report on costs associated with painting the old water reservoir at Coonamble sportsground. Council noted that \$25,000 was set aside for the project, costing to date is \$33,385.82.

2654 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that costings for the project be noted and that the additional amount be sourced from the Development Fund.

At this juncture, Cr Cullen returned to the meeting.

14.0 REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2655 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Wheelhouse and Karanouh that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2656 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

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15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2657 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – JUNE 2017

2658 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Ranger's report for the month of June 2017 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

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

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – JUNE 2017

2659 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the saleyards report for June 2017 be dealt with.

17.1 Sales / 17.2 Saleyards Account

2660 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the above two items in the report be noted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

2661 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 :

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

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business"

2662 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS – CORRESPONDENCE TO CLOSED SESSION

2663 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Fisher and Karanouh that Item 18.2 be classified "urgent" and dealt with.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

2664 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

2665 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that Council adopt the recommendations from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos.18.1 to 18.2 as set out hereunder:

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Council dealt with Item 18.2 first:

18.2 Batterline Earthmoving – Disputing Landfill Charges

Council resolves that Resolution No 2574/19.2, as follows, stand:

“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”.

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

At this juncture, the Mayor requested that staff leave the meeting.

18.1 General Manager’s Performance Appraisal

Council resolves :

- a) *to note the annual performance assessment of the General Manager was undertaken on 14 June 2017, with an overall rating of the General Manager’s performance being “more than satisfactory”; and*
- b) *to grant a 2.5% performance based increase to the General Manager’s Total Remuneration Package in accordance with clause 8.3 of the General Manager’s Contract.*

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE Nil

20.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Tooraweenah Road – graded in November and again about a month ago – suggesting that the particular section be sealed. The General Manager referred to the Roads Management Plan and the Long Term Financial Plan and said Council could resolve to carry out works as it wishes, however it also has to determine what works will be deleted if it changes the adopted plan. Mr Warren said \$120,000 had been allocated by the RMS to repair flood damage on the Tooraweenah Road.
- Charles/McCullough Streets – drainage – the GM referred to the change in engineering services staff and said that no progress has been made on this request to date, however levels will be taken as soon as possible.

Cr Karanouh:

- Staffing issues – specifically appointments to the positions of Development Officer and Engineer. The GM said that the organisational structure is being reviewed and will be presented to the August meeting –

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he reminded Council that staff issues are the domain of the General Manager and not that of Councillors.

Cr Fisher:

- Raised issues about the bad location of the pedestrian crossing in Gulargambone. The GM said the matter will be referred to the Traffic Committee for determination.

Cr Churchill:

- Traffic Committee issue – “Dip” sign in McCullough Street at Auburn Street.
- Proposed bore at racecourse – contact with Office of Water by GHD – seems Council will be required to buy water from the open market – perhaps will have to go through a water broker.
- Security patrol – GM said no funding sources have yet been identified to cover the employment of a security patrol service.

Cr Walker:

- Referred to request from Health Council wanting sharps disposal bins made available at various locations, especially the weir. The meeting noted that sharps disposal bins are available in public parks.

Director of Community Services:

- Library has won a national award for its after school program
- Council has been nominated for two awards by NSW Local Government – the presentation will be held at an evening function on 3 August 2017 – the Mayor said he would be at the event.

Manager of Environmental Services:

- Regarding disposal of sharps – advised he does a ‘run’ each Monday morning covering all the “hot spots” – said the number of needles found has dropped dramatically over past months. Cr Churchill referred to the gully in front of her residence – the Manager said he checks there monthly. Mr Cock pointed out that when Council receives a report regarding discarded needles, it makes a point of collecting them immediately.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.

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MAYOR

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