

1 November 2017

The next ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council
will be held in the Shire Chamber, Coonamble on
Wednesday 8 November 2017 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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Yours faithfully
Rick Warren
General Manager

5. DEPUTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS
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- 9.30 a.m. Kate Davidson – Coordinator – Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre
Discuss options for relocation of services.
- 9.45 a.m. Quambone Resources Committee Representatives
Discuss Quambone fuel facility.
- 10.00 a.m. Naturalisation Ceremony – Mrs Jalpa Modi

6. DECLARATION – CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST
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7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
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7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, QUAMBONE, ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 9.05 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr Michael Webb, Mayor, in the Chair, with Crs. John Walker, Karen Churchill, Bill Fisher, Ahmad Karanouh and Paul Wheelhouse.

Also present were the General Manager, Mr. Warren, the A/Director of Engineering Services, Mrs Atkins, the Manager of Environmental Services, Mr Cock and Mrs Moorhouse.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

At this juncture, the Mayor acknowledged the original owners of the land – past and present.

2.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillors noted that students from the Quambone School would be visiting during public question time.

3.0 APOLOGIES

2766 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Churchill that an apology for non-attendance be accepted from Cr T B Cullen OAM.

4.0 DEPUTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

The Quambone Resources Committee booked a delegation to discuss with Council the proposed fuel outlet facility for Quambone. The delegation is due to arrive at 10.00 a.m.

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

i) Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

2767 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 September 2017 be confirmed.

ii) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

2768 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Walker that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on 13 September 2017 be confirmed.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Breakdown at Quarry

In response to a question from Cr Karanouh, the A/Director of Engineering Services reported that a mobile crusher will be used while the breakdown is being repaired, which is estimated to be around two weeks.

(b) Item 20.2 – Conamble Riverside Caravan Park – Master Plan

The Mayor informed the meeting that a notice to rescind Minute No. 2765/20.2 of 13 September 2017, signed by Crs. Churchill, Wheelhouse and Walker, has been received.

2769 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Churchill that Council resolve to deal with the notice to rescind Minute No 2765/20.2 of 13 September 2017, as follows:

“Council resolved to proceed with the redevelopment plan for the Riverside Caravan Park and that the General Manager bring a report to Council outlining a funding strategy and potential staging of the project”.

On being put to the vote, the notice to rescind Minute No 2765/20.2 of 13 September 2017, as follows:

“Council resolved to proceed with the redevelopment plan for the Riverside Caravan Park and that the General Manager bring a report to Council outlining a funding strategy and potential staging of the project” **WAS LOST** **4 votes / 2 votes**

8.0 RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE

2770 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Resolution Book Update be received and noted.

i) Emergency Services Building Reserve

The General Manager informed the meeting that the Rural Fire Service is in favour of the proposal to co-locate the SES at the Coonamble RFS headquarters building, however there has been no response to date from the SES. The Mayor said he has met with Mr David Monk, the Regional Controller of the SES, who indicated that no objection would be raised subject to all volunteers being agreeable to the proposal.

9.0 MAYORAL REPORT

2771 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) Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre

The Mayor reported that he attended the annual general meeting of the Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre on 18 September. Cr Webb congratulated Mr Geoff Taylor, who was re-elected Chairman.

ii) Office of Regional Development Meeting

On 20 September 2017 the Mayor met with Natalie Forsyth-Stock, Regional Director – Western – from the Office of Regional Development and members of her staff. Discussions concerning the regional economic planning for this area took place as well as the intention of Government to develop sub-district plans for the ORANA area and base opportunities on themes rather than location.

The Mayor reported that following discussions with Kevin Humphries, Council will push to be included with Warrumbungle, Gilgandra and Warren – linking the Marshes with the Mountains in an endeavour to grow the economy of the sub-district. The General Manager said this may be the way forward to get the Tooraweenah Road sealed and Council will be kept informed of any progress.

iii) Volunteering Central West

On 20 September in Dubbo, the Mayor attended Volunteering Central West Awards which are sponsored by Family & Community Services and Clubs NSW, to recognise contributions made to the community by volunteers. The Mayor said that when the new Director of Community Services takes up her role, Council should put some thought into recognising our local hard working volunteers.

iv) Outback Arts

The Mayor referred to Kevin Humphries' visit to Coonamble on 25 September to present funding of \$300,000 to Outback Arts to purchase a building and create a permanent space for arts in Coonamble.

v) Outback Archies

Cr Webb congratulated the organisers of the Outback Archies Exhibition which was officially opened on 28 September – the Mayor attended and met artists who participated in the exhibition.

vi) Tour de OROC

Met with the riders in the Tour de OROC who had a short stopover in Coonamble at lunchtime on 3 October on their way to Walgett. The Mayor said these people participate to raise funds for a very worthy cause – accommodation in Dubbo - that services people coming from outlying areas when they or members of their family need medical attention in Dubbo.

2772 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Webb that the information contained in the Mayor's report be noted.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**i) Coonamble Chamber of Commerce**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Tessa Pennell, Mr Rodney Vallett and Mr Mark Vaughan, members of the Coonamble Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting. Ms Pennell thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the

meeting and said they wished to address Council about the benefits of the Buy Local Campaign. She said that Council, as a sponsor, would be recognised in all advertising – she also outlined other reasons why Council should participate – citing one as leadership of the town. Ms Pennell said that the Chamber would work with Council in developing a promotion to encourage buying locally throughout the year, however for this year the Chamber is seeking the \$8,000 cash sponsorship.

Mr Vaughan asked about the proposed redevelopment of the Caravan Park and asked when the plan would be ready for public exhibition and it will be a full plan. He also asked whether both proposals, i.e. caravan park redevelopment and bore baths at racecourse, will be programmed. The Mayor said that was the intention.

ii) Quambone Public School Students

The students from the Quambone Public School were present at the meeting. The students advised Council that some members are training for swimming competitions and asked when the pool would be open. The A/Director of Engineering Services said that the serious leaks in the pool are currently being repaired, however it is anticipated the pool will open next week.

iii) Dugald Bucknell – Incorrect Rating of Land

Mr Bucknell said he has been dealing with Council's office staff for some time about receiving a rate notice for land that he does not own. He said the area is some 5ha – 6ha and he thinks it may belong to "Muttama", however for the last six or so years he has been receiving the rate notice. He said that originally it is thought the small area was owned by his great grandfather, but that Company closed down in 1939.

The General Manager said Land and Property Information informs Council the names of property owners – he said Council must forward the rate notice to the person whose name is provided by that service. Mr Warren said he will investigate the matter further and endeavour to resolve the issue. Mr Bucknell thanked Council.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

2773 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Correspondence be received and dealt with.

Section A – For Council's Consideration:

10.1 COONAMBLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE D7(50250)

2774 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council contribute \$8,000 towards the 2017 Buy Local Campaign and Council develop an on-going program in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to encourage local purchasing throughout the year.

10.2 GULARGAMBONE ENTERPRISE CO-OPERATIVE D7(50413)**2775 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council:

- i) commit \$900 towards the Gulargambone 2017 Buy Local Campaign and it be included in the program to encourage local purchasing throughout the year;
- ii) note the other issues raised by the Gulargambone Enterprise Co-operative.

10.3 COONAMBLE BRANCH ROYAL FAR WEST S5(50340)

At the time the request was made, the date was not known, however it has now been advised and is Friday 15 December 2017.

PROPOSED by Cr Churchill **SECONDED** by Cr Walker that Council waive the \$270 fee and allow the Royal Far West to conduct its Carols by Candlelight at the Coonamble rodeo arena on 15 December 2017, free of charge.

AN AMENDMENT

2776 PROPOSED by Cr Fisher **SECONDED** by Cr Karanouh that Council not waive the fee of \$270 (use of ground \$205 + lights \$65) because of the precedent it would set and the Royal Far West be advised it is required to pay for use of the rodeo arena for its Carols by Candlelight event on 15 December 2017.

On being put to the vote, the **AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED** and on becoming the motion was carried.

DEPUTATION – QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

At this juncture, Mrs Marg Garnsey and Mr David O'Brien representing the Committee, addressed the meeting. There was a large crowd in attendance at the meeting – all interested in progressing the fuel outlet facility at Quambone.

Mrs Garnsey said the development application has been approved and asked for 'in-kind' commitments from Council – for example levelling of the site, driveway, roadworks, etc. The General Manager said Council was already committed to the project, but needed a costed proposal from the Committee. Mr Warren said some of the preliminary works are operational and can be arranged as a priority, however any substantial expenditure must be approved by Council and suggested that this information be available at the November meeting.

The General Manager suggested that both the Manager of Environmental Services and the A/Director of Engineering Services meet 'on-site' with Committee members to begin the process. It was agreed that the two officers inspect the site following the Council meeting in company with members.

The Committee representatives thanked Council, however the members remained in the gallery.

10.4 KYLE LUNDHOLM P10-5(50265)

2777 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Fisher that Council advise the proponent it will not consent to the operation of a rifle range facility at the suggested location parallel to the Warrena Creek due to guidelines issued by the NSW Police indicating a range danger area of 2750 metres would be required and this would impact on the common, waterway and private land holdings.

11.5 GULARGAMBONE COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CO-OPERATIVE D7

Advising it is now focusing on the planned 3D pavement and wall art festival which it wishes to conduct early April 2018. Saying applications have been made for a number of grants and, in particular, Destination NSW – Incubation Event Fund for up to 20,000 x 2 years. Pointing out one of the questions asks for an outline of any support committed by council, including financial, in-kind, marketing or administrative assistance.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a letter has been forwarded to the Co-operative asking that further information be provided. He said when Council resolved to allocate \$6,000 it required the additional information, including full scope of works, definite locations, final costs, funding sources prior to providing the contribution.

2778 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Churchill that the Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative be requested to provide the information sought by Council following the June 2017 meeting, including sufficient detail for Council to make a determination.

Section B – For Council’s Information:

10.6 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT R2(50342)

Referring to Council’s letter to the Hon Darren Chester MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, about the route of the Inland Rail project and responding on his behalf. Advising that, at this time, the alignment corridor for the Narromine to Narrabri section has not been determined. Saying the options under assessment are the outcome of comprehensive studies in 2006 and 2010 and extensive consultations with all stakeholders.

The General Manager informed the meeting that a copy of this letter was forwarded to Mrs Barbara Deans. Mr Warren also referred to recent discussions with both State and Federal Local Members, which indicate the alignment of the railway is not going to change and construction at both the northern and southern ends of the proposed route will commence shortly.

The Federal Member, Mr Mark Coulton, has advised that he will not meet with landowners regarding the route of the proposed rail – however is willing to meet with affected landholders to endeavour to address issues they may have regarding compensation for the inland rail on their land.

10.7 NSW DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES G5

Advising Council's application under round 3 of the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund for *Broome Park Enhancement* has been successful. Saying funding of \$20,845 has been made available for installation of shade sails and upgrade of shade cloth at the Broome Park playground area.

10.8 OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS C4(50401)

Thanking Council for erecting the large cross in the Catholic section of the Coonamble Cemetery.

10.9 THE HON MELINDA PAVEY MP, MINISTER FOR ROADS, MARITIME & FREIGHT R8-25(50441)

Responding to Council's correspondence about accessing grant funding to upgrade MR7515 Warren/Coonamble Road and saying the decision around funding and delivery of successful projects under Fixing Country Roads sits with Infrastructure NSW (INSW). Pointing out funding for the project is not yet confirmed and the INSW chaired Regional Independent Assessment Panel recommended the project be funded provided Council first secure half of the unfunded proportion from the Australian Government.

2779 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the information contained in Item Nos. 10.6 to 10.9 be noted.

11.0 REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER

2780 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the report by the General Manager be received and dealt with.

11.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

2781 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note Development Application Nos 002/2017, 019/2017, 028/2017, 032/2017 and 033/2017 have been approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.

11.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2782 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Councillors Webb, Walker and Fisher, together with the General Manager, attend the LGNSW annual conference in Sydney from 4 – 6 December 2017.

At this juncture, 10.20 a.m. the meeting adjourned for morning tea and resumed at 10.50 a.m.

11.3 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – PROPOSAL FOR CEMETERY WORK

2783 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council submit an application to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for a project to provide for two additional rows in the lawn cemetery, provide toilet facilities and a kerb border around the front section of the cemetery, at an estimated cost of \$140,000 under the Drought Communities Program.

12.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

2784 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the Community Services update be received and dealt with.

12.1 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

2785 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Walker and Karanouh that the information contained in the Librarian's report for September 2017 be noted.

13.0 REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES

2786 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Karanouh that the report by the Director of Corporate Services be received and dealt with.

13.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

2787 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Total Combined Rate Collections to 30 September 2017 be noted.

13.2 LIST OF INVESTMENTS

2788 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the list of investments as 30 September 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

2789 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 A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

2790 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Churchill that the report by the A/Director of Engineering Services be received and dealt with.

14.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS

2791 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council note the A/Director's report on works in progress.

Cr Fisher congratulated the contractors who have completed flood damage repair works in the Gulargambone and Quambone areas.

14.2 LEVEE BANK – WALKING TRACK**A Motion**

PROPOSED by Cr Churchill that Council agree to place gravel dust along the crown of the levee to soften the track for walkers, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 **Lapsed for want of a Secunder.**

2792 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that Council note the report which estimates that a concrete path along the levee bank from the Tooraweenah Road to the Baradine Road is estimated to cost in excess of \$300,000 and a sheeting of gravel dust along the crown of the levee could be achieved for around \$30,000.

14.3 2017/18 ROADS PROGRAM

The A/Director of Engineering Services provided a list of the proposed works to be carried out during the 2017/18 year and also identified some rural roads which are in urgent need of resealing.

2793 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that Council approve the proposed schedule of works under various programs for the 2017/18 year and include the following rural roads, which have been identified as requiring urgent resealing and allocate an additional \$250,000 :

i)	MR129B Baradine	\$ 35,000
ii)	MR7515 Warren	\$ 65,000
iii)	SR2 Tooraweenah	\$ 50,000
iv)	SR19 Gulargambone	\$100,000

15.0 REPORT BY MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2794 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Fisher and Walker that the report by the Manager of Environmental Services be received and dealt with.

15.1 RANGER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

2795 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that the Ranger's report for the month of September 2017 be noted.

16.0 REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Nil this month

17.0 SALEYARDS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

2796 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the saleyards report for September 2017 be dealt with.

17.2 Saleyards Account

2797 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Fisher that the Saleyards Account to 30 September 2017 showing a reserve balance deficit of \$292,284.33, be noted.

18.0 CLOSED SESSION

2798 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that Council resolve into Closed Session, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A:

“section 2(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 ...”*

2799 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Churchill and Walker that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

2800 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council resume Open Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLOSED SESSION

2801 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Wheelhouse and Karanouh that Council adopt the recommendation from Closed Session, being Recommendation Nos. 18.1, 18.2 and 18.3, as set out hereunder:

18.1 Outback Arts Inc – Offer to Purchase Building

Council resolves to accept the offer of \$250,000 from Outback Arts to purchase and develop premises at 26 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble

18.2 Bore Baths – Coonamble Racecourse

Council resolves to note the information relevant to obtaining a Water Access Licence and associated water allocation.

18.3 Staff Housing

Council resolves to consider a report on costings and suggested suitable sites to construct new housing for staff.

19.0 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

20.0 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Karanouh:

- Referred to the Streets Ahead Christmas Carnivale to be held on Thursday December 14th 2017 and requested sandbags be delivered to secure the jumping castle.
- Section of road – cnr King Street into Charles Street – bitumen breaking – A/Director will inspect.

Cr Wheelhouse:

- Reported burst water pipes in Reid Street – A/Director advised mains are to be replaced.
- Showground gates – work to be undertaken in December – gates to be reconfigured – 20ft setback from fence.

- New “WHAT’S ON” sign – should be located so it is visible both sides.
- Bridge on Sandy Camp Road – the A/Director said bitumen would be placed from the bridge to the intersection with MR202 Merri Merri. Cr Wheelhouse requested that an item be placed in the budget to bitumen from the intersection of MR202 back to Quambone.

Cr Churchill:

- Request the Chamber of Commerce attend the February 2018 meeting to discuss ideas.
- Commence the promotion for buy local in the next financial year.

This concluded the business and the meeting closed at 11.40 a.m.

These minutes Pages (1/6085 to 12/6096) were confirmed on the **8th** day of **NOVEMBER 2017** and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council held on **11TH October 2017**.

MAYOR

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

9. RESOLUTION BOOK UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

9.1 Resolutions in Progress

14.2 SPORTSGROUNDS - IRRIGATION

1935 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Keady that Council approve construction of the automatic system for irrigation of the sportsgrounds, with a budget of \$70,000 to be sourced from the water fund.

Status:

In progress – to be incorporated with mains replacement program. Contractor has commenced preliminary work.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING RESERVE

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.

Status:

Funds placed in reserve – awaiting written response from SES. RFS has responded willing to work with Council.

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – FOOTPATHS & KERBING & GUTTERING

2740 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Walker and Karanouh that Council prepare an application for footpath and kerb and gutter repair works of approximately \$200,000 and this be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development as a project under the Drought Communities Program.

Status:

Application submitted – awaiting outcome.

PLAYGROUND – LIONS PARK - GULARGAMBONE

2725 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Karanouh and Wheelhouse that community consultation be undertaken regarding play equipment for the 0 – 5 years range in Lions Park at Gulargambone and a report detailing costing be provided to the next meeting.

Status:

Quotations and designs have been received – community consultation process to commence when the new Director of Community Services begins duty.

11.3 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES FUNDING – PROPOSAL FOR CEMETERY WORK

2783 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs. Karanouh and Churchill that Council submit an application to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for a project to provide for two additional rows in the lawn cemetery, provide toilet facilities and a kerb border around the front section of the cemetery, at an estimated cost of \$140,000 under the Drought Communities Program.

Status: Application submitted – awaiting outcome.
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9.2 Resolutions Completed**FUNDING FOR SECURITY PATROL**

2759 PROPOSED BY Cr Wheelhouse **SECONDED** by Cr Webb that the security patrol service be trialled for a six month period over the summer months, seven days/week between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and funded from Emergency Roads Funding.

Status:

Collating information - report by Director of Corporate & Urban Services will be available at meeting.

COMPLETED.**STAFF HOUSING**

Council resolves to consider a report on costings and suggested suitable sites to construct new housing for staff.

Status:

See General Manager's report to Closed Session.

COMPLETED

10. MAYORAL REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

10.1 MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

Since the October meeting I have not carried out many duties on behalf of Council.

I will briefly list those I have attended :

- 19 October Meet and greet at Coonamble ceramics with Create Arts NSW. Also met Ms Sally Watterson, Senior Policy Officer from Local Government NSW, in company with Council's Grants & Events Officer. Ms Watterson discussed art and culture and funding available under the Create NSW Program.
- 20 October Attended the annual presentation of awards – Coonamble Bears Rugby League
- 21 October 150 years of public education in Coonamble – attended both schools during the day and the dinner function in the evening.
- 25 October Rural Fire Service Service Level Agreement meeting.
- 1 November Met with Creative Arts NSW – discussed opportunities for Coonamble Shire arts and culture.
- 2 November Attended Country Mayors' Association meeting – discussed road matters with NSW Minister for Roads, Hon Melinda Pavey.
- 2 November Attended awards nights at Campbelltown Arts Centre and presented Council-sponsored award to the winner of the Sculpture category.

MICHAEL WEBB
Mayor

11. PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Section A – Matters for Consideration by Council:

**11.1 GULARGAMBONE ROVERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB
D7(50471)**

Seeking sponsorship for the 2018 Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout to be held in Newcastle on the October long weekend. Saying the knockout brings together Aboriginal teams and supporters from across NSW for a great weekend of alcohol free footy and cultural activities.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council supported this Club by sponsoring \$2,000 in 2014 and 2015 and \$1,000 in 2016, however last year advised it did not have the resources to provide assistance).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Gulargambone Rovers Rugby League Club it is unable to assist due to financial constraints.

11.2 COONAMBLE NETBALL ASSOCIATION P1-13(50465)

Applying for permission to use lights at the netball facilities at Smith Park and requesting the service be provided free of charge. Advising the Association is running a mixed summer competition which will run from October to December. Pointing out this is the third year of the competition with a total of 200 participants and the second year of a junior competition.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Last year Council agreed to reduce the fee by \$500, leaving an amount of \$232 payable by the Association by instalments over the course of the competition. This year the adopted fee for use of the lights is \$62/night).

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Coonamble Netball Association it cannot waive the cost of lights used at the facility during the course of the competitions.

11.3 CASTLEREAGH TRACKERS D7(50461)

Requesting financial support towards costs to participate in the annual Newcastle Koori Netball Tournament. Saying it has participated in the tournament over the last three years and it attracts 200 players from across NSW. Stating the girls work hard fundraising, but with two nights' accommodation and coach hire the trip is very expensive.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – In 2016 Council provided a \$500 sponsorship to the Castlereagh Trackers Netball Group).

Recommendation:

That the Castlereagh Trackers Netball Group be advised that due to financial constraints Council is unable to assist financially this year.

11.4 GULARGAMBONE CARAVAN PARK S13-2(50490)

Advising that management of the Park would like to make access to the Gulargambone pool available at no cost to guests. Requesting Council to consider a discounted season pass to enable all guests at the park free admission to the pool. Asking Council to bear in mind that during summer months, patronage at the park is very small – e.g. days with no guests, or only one or two vans. Saying if this was available it could be publicised on the website and may increase numbers and encourage travellers to stay for longer periods.

Recommendation:

That Council inform the Gulargambone Caravan Park management it is unable to assist and that adopted admission fees for the Gulargambone Pool will apply.

11.5 GULARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL INC D7(50491)

Advising the Preschool will be fundraising at the annual Christmas Tree to be held on Saturday 16 December at the Armatree Hotel. Saying financial support is extremely important, particularly as the committee plans to build a new facility in Gulargambone with only a tiny volunteer committee. Asking Council to donate either a gift certificate or merchandise and saying any donation will be advertised on the Gulargambone Preschool's facebook page. Saying the facility's ability to operate relies heavily on generous support of individual donors and gifts from businesses and corporations.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Last year Council contributed \$100 to the Gulargambone Preschool towards its Fathers Day Luncheon – no request was made for this event in 2017)

Recommendation:

That Council advise the Gulargambone Preschool it is unable to assist with the fundraising event due to financial constraints.

11.6 GULARGAMBONE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-2(50494)

Referring to an account for hire of lanes at Gulargambone pool for training/coaching. Pointing out the coach position at Gulargambone is a volunteer one – not the same as Coonamble, where the coach is paid. Saying the Club is encouraging low socio-economic children to attend training, but if the Club has to pay lane hire, it will have to consider charging the

children. Stating its goal is to encourage all children to attend training and not disadvantage low income families. Requesting Council waive the lane hire fee for Gulargambone – feeling it is different to other clubs where the coach is paid.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Council adopted this fee in its 2017/18 fees and charges).

Recommendation:

That Council not agree to the request from the Gulargambone Swimming Club and it be advised that lane hire charges will be applicable.

11.7 ARTC / INLAND RAIL

R2(50544)

Providing a project update – Narromine to Narrabri – advising ARTC has been working closely with landowners, Councils and local communities over the past 18 months. Saying preliminary investigations have occurred along a 2km wide study area on route options being considered. Stating this has included working with local councils to conduct ecology, hydrology and geotechnical studies, as well as meeting with over 400 landowners and conducting information sessions through the project area.

Advising that currently the project team is considering the information and ARTC is preparing a recommendation on a preferred study area. Saying once a recommendation is finalised it will be presented to the Inland Rail Sponsors Group and, subject to any comments and amendments, will then be provided to the Federal Minister for Transport & Infrastructure. Pointing out that the Australian Government will ultimately determine the preferred study area to be taken forward to the next phase and into the formal planning assessment and approvals process. Stating that, in due course, this will result in ARTC preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for assessment by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Pointing out that a series of open meetings will be held in the first two weeks of December even though a decision by the Australian Government on a preferred study area may not have been made. Saying the objective of these meetings is to discuss the route selection process, inform of the preferred study area ARTC has recommended, answer questions and outline next steps. Saying details regarding the meetings will be provided in due course and, in scheduling these meetings, it is mindful of the upcoming harvest season.

Stating it is committed to informing landowners as soon as practicable once a preferred study area is determined. Pointing out there will be many opportunities to provide feedback and make both formal and informal submissions throughout the planning process, which will take approximately 12 – 18 months. Ensuring that feedback will be considered when determining the rail corridor and the final design. Saying that ARTC wants to continue to actively engage with as many people and organisations as possible to receive feedback and suggestions and it will be actively making contact with many

over the coming weeks and months. Inviting all to contact the project team at inlandrailnsw@artc.com.au or 1800 732 761 should there be issues or concerns to be addressed.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – ARTC is contacting landholders and other stakeholders individually and directly throughout this process).

Recommendation:

That Council note the information pertaining to the Inland Rail consultations and refer all enquiries to the Inland Rail Project Team for response.

11.8 COONAMBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL D7(50508)

Advising the School is preparing to celebrate students' achievements throughout the year and seeking a financial contribution from Council for the annual Presentation of Awards function.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – For years past Council has agreed to contribute \$100 to each of the five schools in the Shire to go towards the purchase of awards to be presented to students).

Recommendation:

That Council agree to contribute \$100 to each of the five Schools within the Shire towards prizes for their Presentation of Awards functions.

11.9 COONAMBLE SWIMMING CLUB INC S13-1+S13-6(50517)

Thanking Council for its continued support and advising it will hold the annual carnival on Sunday 19 November 2017. Saying it will set up shade tents the afternoon prior to the carnival and asking for permission to retain gate takings in accordance with previous arrangements.

Recommended:

That Council agree to the Coonamble Swimming Club conducting its annual carnival on Sunday 19 November 2017, with the Club retaining gate takings for the day.

11.10 QUAMBONE RESOURCES COMMITTEE D7

Advising the Quambone Community Health Services Auxiliary is working with Quambone Resources Committee to bring to fruition a self-serve 24 hour fuel supply for the village. Stating the Health service Auxiliary will contribute funds but will not be the operators of the facility, however IOR has pledged to provide the tanks and equipment necessary for the project to an estimated value of \$155,000. Saying IOR will lease the site from the Resources Committee for a peppercorn rate and it will then operate the site and be responsible for all ongoing maintenance and costs associated with the day-to-

day operations and receive the revenue in order to retrieve costs of the infrastructure installed.

Stating the Quambone Community has committed \$70,000 and referring to Council's previous indication that it 'supported the project in principle' and that funds would be available from the Development Fund. Asking Council to now consider making funds available towards the civil works area of the project, either in cash or kind to the value of \$55,000.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – Following the October meeting an 'on-site' meeting was held with Council officers and representatives of the Committee. Staff estimate that construction of the driveway and vehicle movement area will be in the vicinity of \$50,000.

Recommendation:

That in accordance with the request made by Quambone Community Health Services Auxiliary and Quambone Resources Committee Council agree to contribute \$55,000 works 'in-kind' for the construction of the driveway and vehicle movement area for the proposed fuel outlet, such construction to be supervised by Council's Director of Engineering Services.

Section B: Matters for Information Only:**11.11 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE B13+E4(50478)**

Referring to Council's letter regarding possible co-location of the SES and RFS facilities at the current RFS site in Coonamble. Saying RFS has no objection to Council facilitating a Master Plan project to look at the feasibility of such a proposal. Stating that Local Manager, Mr Paul Medcalf, will be the first point of contact and will assist in getting staff and volunteers involved in any working party that may be established.

**11.12 KEVIN HUMPHRIES, MEMBER FOR BARWON
P1-13(50466)**

Acknowledging receipt of Council's letter outlining concerns regarding the proposed Ski Park at Warrena Creek. Saying the matter has been taken up with Minister Toole's office and a representative from the Minister's office will liaise with Council to work through the current challenges.

11.13 COONAMBLE BRANCH CWA PR1058(50440)

Requesting that the general rate portion of the Association's rate account be refunded in accordance with the arrangement that has existed over many years.

(NOTE BY GENERAL MANAGER – This request was received too late for Council's September meeting – in accordance with past practice I authorised the refund of \$490 which is the general rate portion of the assessment).

**11.14 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
N7(50524)**

Advising it wishes to keep Council informed on investigations being made in relation to the following matters:

1. Option of reducing the number of elected delegates from 10 (two per constituent council) to five (one per constituent council)
2. What structure could be established if the County Council was to be dissolved and replaced by a S355 type committee operating under the umbrella of one of the constituent councils.

Saying it is examining ways of providing increased service levels for the community and at the same time reducing overheads for things like insurance, elected members' fees and travelling expenses. Advising it has asked the Office of Local Government for comments and advice in relation to these issues and will keep Council informed of the outcome.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
1 November 2017

12. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

**12.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED
UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

*Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent.*

Background:

Council was instructed in the Promoting Better Practice Review to report all development applications approved under Delegated Authority to each monthly meeting.

Issues:

The list covering period since last Council Meeting is as follows:

DA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
30/17	Pennell, G&T	Taylor Made Homes	Transportable home	43 McCullough Street Lot 148 DP754227	04/10/2017
35/17	Leonard, S&J	Leonard, S&J	Subdivision of land	31-35 Castlereagh St Lots 22 & 3, DP585761 & 216746	24/10/2017
31/17	Storck, Jayanne	Storck, Jayanne	Colorbond shed and carport	4 Charles Street Lot 133 DP 754227	25/10/2017
39/2017	Ralston, Milton	Ralston, Milton	Locate 2 x 4 bedroom Atco Units (Dongas)	15-17 Buckey Drive Lot 2 DP1221174	26/10/2017

CDA No	Owner	Applicant	Proposed Use	Address of land	Approval Date
36/17	St Brigids School	Adam Webb (Epho solar)	Rooftop solar panels	8-10 Toloon St Lot 80 DP1149616	24/10/2017

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Promoting Better Practice Review - Department of Local Government.

Financial Considerations: NIL

Options: NIL

Recommendation:

That Council note Development Application Nos. 030/2017, 037/2017, 035/2017, 031/2017 and 039/2017, together with Complying Development Application No 036/2017, have been approved under delegated authority during the month of October 2017.

12.1 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OFFICE – CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR PERIOD

***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
P1.3.1 Support activities/projects that increase community participation and connection.***

Background:

For many years Council closed its Office between the Christmas and New Year period.

Issues:

This year Christmas Day falls on a Monday, with public holidays being Monday 25th December and Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day). New Year's Day falls on the following Monday.

In keeping with its resolution from the November 2011 meeting, staff will be required to avail themselves of leave provisions for the closedown.

Council may wish to consider closing at 5.00 p.m. Friday, 22nd December 2017 and re-open Tuesday, 2nd January 2018. Staff will be required to take leave for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 27th, 28th and 29th December.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Council is party to the Local Government (State) Award 2014. The Award contains provisions relevant to this situation.

Financial Considerations: Nil

Options:

- 1) Not close the Office during the Christmas/New Year period.
- 2) Close the office between 27th December and 1st January (inclusive)

Recommendation:

That Council close the Office at close of business Friday 22nd December 2017 and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 and staff use leave provisions for the three days not covered by public holidays.

12.2 ANNUAL REPORT – 2016/2017***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.5 Governance is open and transparent*****Background:**

Under section 428(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 Council must, within five months after the end of each year, prepare a report as to its achievements with respect to the objectives and performance targets set out in its Delivery Program.

Issues:

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, a number of changes have been made to annual reporting requirements. The Annual Report focuses mainly on Council's implementation of its Delivery Program and Operational Plan, as these are the plans that are wholly the Council's responsibility.

In summary, the Delivery Program identifies actions across the five themes; Our People, Our Infrastructure, Our Environment, Our Economy and Our Leadership and provides a status for each action, together with a reason for any outstanding action. The report also includes audited financial reports, together with the required various statutory disclosures.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

Various legislation requires information be provided within Council's Annual report:

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Companion Animals Act 1998.

Financial Considerations:

The Annual Report takes considerable time and staff resources to produce. Council is required to provide a State of the Environment Report to be included in the Annual report. Reference is made to the State of Environment Report – available for perusal at Council's Office.

Options: Nil

Recommendation:

That Council note the 2016/2017 Annual Report has been completed and will be lodged with the Office of Local Government prior to the due date which is 30 November 2017.

12.3 CODE OF CONDUCT***Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:
L1.4.6 Review Council policies*****Background:**

At the September 2016 meeting Council adopted the Model Code of Conduct provided by the Office of Local Government (OLG). A copy of the document was provided to Councillors at the time.

Issues:

The Model Code of Conduct outlines the minimum standards of behaviour by Councillors and Staff and provides for reporting and investigation of breaches of the Code. The OLG is reviewing the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct. Copies of both 'Consultation Draft' documents are attached **APPENDIX A**.

The proposed amendments to the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures are highlight in **bold type** in the consultation drafts. The OLG advises the amendments are designed to update, clarify and enhance prescribed ethical standards, to address issues identified in the four years the current versions of the Model Code of Conduct and Procedures have been in force and to improve their operation. The new Model Code of Conduct and Procedures will also contain new provisions that are designed to improve ethical standards, more effectively deter non-compliance and lead to improved transparency and accountability.

The proposed Code will place onerous obligations on Councillors – it would appear that these amendments will be policed by the OLG. Submissions should be made before Monday 4 December 2017.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Financial Considerations: N/A

Options: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council review the documents and note that any submissions need to be lodged with the General Manager by 30 November 2017.

12.4 NOTICE OF RESCISSION

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice of our intention to move for the rescission of the following resolution at the next meeting of Council :
Minute No 2776 of 11 October 2017 at the meeting on 8 November 2017:

“Min No 2776/
11 October 2017 **PROPOSED** by Cr Fisher **SECONDED** by Cr Karanouh
that Council not waive the fee of \$270 (use of ground \$205 + lights \$65) because of the precedent it would set and the Royal Far West be advised it is required to pay for use of the rodeo arena for its Carols by Candlelight event on 15 December 2017”.

Signed: Cr Karen Churchill
Cr Michael Webb
Cr John Walker

12.5 NOTICE OF MOTION

Cr Churchill has given notice of her intention to move the following motion at the meeting on 8 November 2017:

“... that Council waive the \$270 fee and allow the Royal Far West to conduct its Carols by Candlelight at the Coonamble rodeo arena on 15 December 2017 free of charge”.

RICK WARREN
General Manager
1 November 2017

**13. COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE
COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017**

13.1 TOURISM OFFICER’S REPORT

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program – EC1.1.5/EC1.2.5 Develop existing visitor markets, EC1.1.6/EC1.2. Develop new visitor markets in line with Inland RTO, P4.4.2 Assist Coonamble Shire events with marketing and promotion, EC1.2.4 Provide training and support to tourism related businesses in the Shire, EC1.1.7/EC1.2.7 Participate in Inland Tourism and Great Inland Way initiatives, EC1.1.8/EC1.2.8 Tourism Information on Coonamble Shire be displayed at regional and interstate visitor centres.

Background:

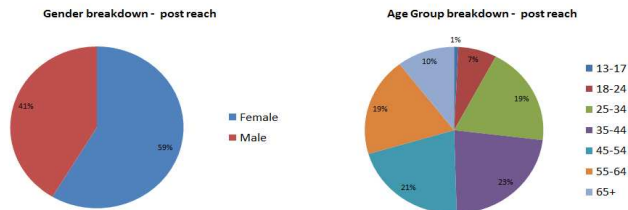
In accordance with Council’s Delivery Program the Tourism Officer is delivering against the above goals:

- ‘Coonamble Visitor Information Centre’ Facebook page October statistics:

ENGAGEMENT



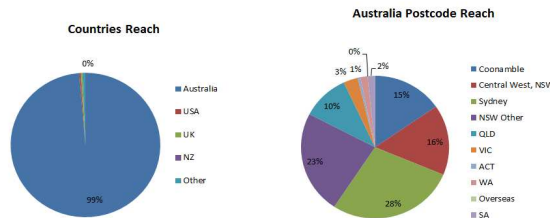
Our Facebook Posts reached **1,973** people in October 2017...



ENGAGEMENT



82% of our Facebook Posts were read by people in NSW in October 2017...



- Visit Coonamble Website – Monthly Statistics:

Number of Visitors	831
Number of Visits	973
Number of Page Views	4,623

Sessions by Device:

Desktop Computer	37.8%
Mobile Phone	47.5%
Tablet/iPad	14.7%

Top 3 Page Views:

- 1) About Coonamble
- 2) Coonamble Greyhound Carnival
- 3) Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park

- NOTE: The RV Friendly free camp site at Coonamble Showground is closed 20 October – 4 October due to large events.

Visitor Statistics for Reporting Period (October 2017)

Visitor Numbers	Visitor Type	Visitor Home State	Enquiry Type	Enquiry Details*				
84	Retiree	48	NSW	50	Local	61	Directions	21
	Family	4	VIC	4	Regional	9	Attractions	50
	Worker	32	SA	1	Interstate	15	Toilets	8
	Backpacker	0	QLD	19			Accommodation	8
			ACT	5			Eateries	1
			WA	3			Souvenirs	8
			Overseas	2			Family History	0
			TAS	0				

*Some visitors had more than 1 enquiry

- Month to Date (MTD) decrease of 40% (*October16 vs. October17)

After School Programs:

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:

P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people.

Gulargambone After School Program operates 3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Monday to Wednesday during school terms. During the reporting period the Centre provided 68 occasions of service.

Quambone After School Program operates from the Quambone Primary School Wednesday and Thursday 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. 12 occasions of service were provided during the reporting period.

Note: The Quambone ASP was closed over the school holiday period.

School Holiday Programs:

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:

P4.2.1 Provide strategic early intervention community development programs for children and young people.

The Gulargambone and Coonamble School Holiday Program was held from 25 September to 6 October at the Coonamble Shire Library and Gulargambone Youth Hall.

Children had the option to join in activities such as tie dye, velvet art, clay making, Lego creation, jewellery making, face painting and movies. There were two organised excursions to Dubbo – Taronga Western Plains Zoo and the Cinema. The ages of children who participated over the two week period were from 2 to 16 years.

Coonamble provided 293 occasions of service and Gulargambone provided 172 occasions of service.

13.2 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2017

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council's Delivery Program:

12.2.2 Provide high quality library services that are responsive to community need.

- State Library issued the report from the Compliance Assessment Visit – Coonamble is above the baseline on most statistics. Details, such as turnover of stock, public internet workstations, library programs and circulation of stock were all above the baseline. Detailed reports will be available within the coming months.
- School holiday activities were well attended by children and parents. The new Coordinator worked with Library staff to ensure a fun and safe experience for the children.

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:

P1.1.1 Utilise internet technology to provide community information to specific demographic and interest groups.

- As the Community Development Office had away excursions on each Thursday with no activities in the library, the librarian made both Thursdays tech free days encouraging the children to attend and support the Youth Centre which opened for the school holidays.
- Holiday activities advertised on library facebook page.

Link to Community Strategic Plan / Council Delivery Program:

P4.1.1 Support activities that promote cultural awareness and diversity in ability and age.

- Coonamble Library had a visit from the staff at Castlereagh Industries and their TAFE teacher Kim. They are studying for their Certificate 1 in Preparation for Work and Training and the unit they came to the library for was Reading for Pleasure. Some of the questions revolved around the two types of materials we have in the library (Fiction and Non-Fiction) and what this means. For Non-Fiction, the students came up with true stories, recipe books, sports books, books about animals, art books, books about craft, history books and real life stories or autobiographies. They then went on to the public access computers. The librarian spoke to them about the rules of using the computers in the library and about being cybersmart with their passwords, virus protection and logging out at the end of a session. They then went on

to do a bit of research about books online – the visitors had a great day and we, at the library, enjoyed them.

Total Issues – Coonamble – 28/09/2017 – 26/10/2017	1064
New Memberships – same period	11
Resigned Memberships – same period	1
Total Issues – Gulargambone – 28/09/2017 – 26/10/2017	34
New Memberships – same period	0
Resigned Memberships – same period	0

Manual Statistics for Coonamble (numbers refer to people attending) – 28/09/2017 – 26/10/2017

• Library visits	1006
• Junior visits	473
• Adult visits	533
• Reference enquiries	16
• Technology enquiries	67
• Local history enquiries	11
• WiFi	92
• Internet	353
• Kids computers	131
• VIC enquiries	16

Programs:

• Senior Craft	28
• Movies	16
• Pre School visits	44
• Housebound	13
• Study / Tutor	21
• Breakthru Employment	8
• Interact Disability	22

Holiday Activities:

• Movie Marathon	12
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Special Event:

• TAFE	9
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Recommendation:
That Council note the information contained in the Community Services Progress Report.

14. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & URBAN SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

14.1 RATE COLLECTIONS

Total Combined Rate Collections 31/10/2017 compared to 31/10/2016:

	31/10/2017	31/10/2016
Arrears 30 th June previous year	533,958.78	533,958.78
Plus 2017/2018 Combined Levy	6,326,856.17	6,180,190.41
Add Transfer from Postponed	-	-
GROSS LEVY	6,860,814.95	6,714,149.19
Less: Pensioner Concession (State)	(58,487.17)	(66,439.73)
Pensioner Concession (Council)	(47,853.14)	(54,359.78)
Transfer to Postponed	-	-
Abandoned-	-	-
NET TOTAL LEVY FOR YEAR	6,754,474.674	6,593,349.68
Less Collections	(2,346,766.92)	(2,141,852.00)
Plus Refunds	-	-
NET TOTAL BALANCE	4,407,707.72	4,451,497.68
Plus Postponed	-	-
GROSS TOTAL BALANCE	4,407,707.72	4,451,497.68
Collection % of Total Receivable	34.74%	32.49%
Arrears % of Total Receivable	65.26%	67.51%

Recommendation:
Submitted for Council's information.

14.2 INVESTMENTS – OCTOBER 2017

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	Investment Type/Maturity Date	Current Rate	Term	Amount (\$)
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 09/01/2018	2.49%	92 Days	2,000,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 20/11/2017	2.44%	90 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 29/01/2018	2.54%	120 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 22/01/2018	2.46%	150 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 16/01/2018	2.45%	154 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 30/10/2017	2.49%	90 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 29/11/2017	2.40%	91 Days	1,500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 18/02/2018	2.47%	120 Days	500,000.00
St George	A1+	Term Deposit - 28/02/2018	2.50%	180 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 27/01/2018	2.50%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
Reliance C/U	Unrated	Term Deposit - 28/02/2018	2.50%	180 Days	500,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 17/02/2018	2.30%	92 Days	1,000,000.00
Bendigo Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 24/11/2017	2.25%	90 Days	1,000,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 05/12/2017	2.40%	91 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 06/11/2017	2.49%	90 Days	500,000.00
IMB	A2	Term Deposit - 12/12/2017	2.40%	92 Days	500,000.00
National Australia Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 06/11/2017	2.44%	123 Days	2,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	Term Deposit - 23/11/2017	2.35%	120 Days	2,000,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 15/1/2018	2.50%	90 Days	500,000.00
ME Bank	A2	Term Deposit - 29/11/2017	2.90%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 20/01/2018	2.50%	120 Days	500,000.00
Bankwest	A1+	Term Deposit - 11/01/2018	2.45%	120 Days	1,000,000.00
Bank of Queensland	A2	Term Deposit - 10/04/2018	2.60%	180 Days	1,000,000.00
AMP	A1	Notice Account	2.70%	N/A	1,000,000.00
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	@ Call Account	1.50%	N/A	500,000.00
TOTAL					\$ 21,500,000

Financial Institution	Invest Rating S&Ps	% of Investment	Max per Investment Policy	Amount (\$)
Commonwealth Bank	A1+	12%	50%	2,500,000
National Australia Bank	A1+	28%	50%	6,000,000
St George	A1+	5%	50%	1,000,000
Bankwest	A1+	7%	50%	1,500,000
Bendigo Bank	A2	9%	40%	2,000,000
IMB	A2	19%	35%	4,000,000
ME Bank	A2	9%	35%	2,000,000
Bank of Queensland	A2	5%	35%	1,000,000
Reliance C/U	Unrated	2%	10%	500,000
AMP	A1	5%	30%	1,000,000
				\$ 21,500,000

Rating	% of Investment	Policy	Amount
A1+	51%	100%	11,000,000
A1	5%	80%	1,000,000
A2	42%	60%	9,000,000
Unrated	2%	30%	500,000
			\$ 21,500,000
General Fund Investments			13,051,405
Sewerage Investment Fund			3,105,187
Water Investment Fund			5,343,408
			\$ 21,500,000

Interest earned on Investments for 2017-2018 as at 27 October 2017

\$ 159,022

Recommendation:

That the list of investments as at 31 October 2017 be noted and it also be noted that Council's Investments comply with s625(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Investment Policy.

14.3 WORKS IN PROGRESS**Urban Services:**

- Works program continues to focus on maintaining the presentation of Council open spaces in particular, during the last month, the Coonamble CBD with the planting of seasonal flowers.
- Specification for the power supply for the LED “What’s on Sign” has been provided to local contractors to allow works to proceed with the installation of the sign.
- New seating Smith Park has arrived and been installed.
- An arborist has been engaged by Council to investigate the condition of the Peace tree. A report will be provided to Council once the information is to hand.

Vandalism Update:

- Vandalism costs incurred by Council for the 2017/2018 financial year are \$357.00.
- Quotations for the provision of a security patrol service closed on the 31/10/2017. A report outlining submissions received by Council will be tabled at the December Council meeting.
- The perimeter fence at Gulargambone Sportsground was damaged when a vehicle was driven through.

Pools:

- Repairs to the major leak at Quambone Pool have been completed. Total approximate costs incurred in repairing the leak, as at the time of writing this report, are \$19,500. The Quambone pool has now been opened to the public.
- Replacement of the shade shelter over the 25m pool at Coonamble has been completed. These works have been funded by an insurance claim.
- Disability pool lift anchor points have been installed for the 25m and 50m pools at Coonamble.
- Minor repairs to the filtration system at the Gulargambone Pool have been completed.

Quambone Pool



Coonamble Pool Shade**Buildings:**

- Quotations for works as previously reported to Council have been included for Council consideration as part of the September budget review.
- Ongoing minor maintenance continues as planned

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in this item.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate and Urban Services
31 October 2017

15. REPORT BY A/DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017**15.1 WORKS IN PROGRESS****(a) Plant/Workshop:**

- Plant repairs completed on as required basis.
- Routine servicing of transport vehicles completed on “as required” basis.
- Council fleet registration renewals complete

(b) Airport:

- CASA audit complete, NCR's complete
- Routine maintenance completed.
- Tie down area rostered – materials being stock piled

(c) Depot:

- Routine maintenance to depots and buildings as required.

(d) Water Treatment Plant & Reticulation:

- Repairs have been completed to water mains, meters and services as required in Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone.
- Gulargambone new water supply bore completed at the sportsgrounds auxiliary works commenced.
- Reservoir roof repairs (Coonamble & Gular) to be carried out.
- Coonamble Water Treatment Plant desludging of the second lagoon scheduled.
- Begin implementing Water Asset Management Plans
- Hydrant Audit continuing
- Reid St main replacement commenced

(e) Sewerage:

- Gular STP – routine maintenance.
- Routine maintenance and clearing of blockages have been undertaken at Coonamble and Gulargambone.
- Coonamble Floyd St and Yarran St and Gulargambone Munnell St sewer cleaning and videoing completed
- Begin implementing Sewer Asset Management Plans

(f) Quarry:

- Mobile contract crusher in place repairs to processing plant commenced.
- Housekeeping on going
- Accreditation audit complete – result pending

(g) Roads Report:**i) State Highway:**

Item	Task	Comments
1	Routine Maintenance	Ongoing
2	Highway Slashing	Ongoing
3	Spraying	Ongoing
4	Heavy Patch 20km south of C'ble	Commenced
5	Jabiru culverts	Quotes readvertised
6	Jabiru Rehab	Scheduled for Jan 2018
7	Reseals	Scheduled for November

ii) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:

Item	Task	Comments
1	Slashing & Spraying	Ongoing
2	Flood Damage – various roads	Scheduled for completion November
3	Warren Rd Shoulder grading	Scheduled
4	SR86 31.530 – 32.530	Scheduled
5	SR11 – Bullagreen Rd	See Photo
6	SR 52 – Talegar Ln	See Photo
7	Pilliga Rd shoulder grading	Scheduled
8	Quambone Rd culvert replacement	Scheduled

**SR52 Grade****SR 11 Grade****Recommendation:**

That Council note the information contained in this item.

KAYLENE ATKINS

A/Director of Engineering Services

31 October 2017

16. REPORT BY MANAGER – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

16.1 RANGER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2017

*Link to Community Strategic Plan/Council's Delivery Program:
P2.2.5 Control straying animals*

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date 2017/2018 Total</u>
Official Correspondence	35	181
Infringements (Animals)	9	29
Infringements (Other)	0	0
Change of Details	1	17
Microchipped dogs	10	70
Registrations	9	55
Nuisance dog declaration	0	2
Dangerous dog declaration	0	0
Menace dog declaration	0	0
<u>IMPOUNDED ANIMALS</u>		
Dogs	12	65
Cats	8	25
Stock	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	20	90
<u>BREAKDOWN</u>		
Dogs Euthanased	1	23
Dogs surrendered by owner	10	40
Dogs re-housed	11	36
Dogs released	0	3
Cats Euthanased	8	24
Cats re-housed	0	1
Cats released	0	0
Gulargambone dogs impounded	0	9
Quambone dogs impounded	0	0

Recommendation:
That Council note the information for the month of October 2017.

**16.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 026/2017 –
PROPOSED MOORAMBILLA SOLAR FARM – LOT 3
DP547529 - COONAMBLE**

Background:

Council has received a development application for Moorambilla Solar Farm at Lot 3 DP547529 Coonamble. A report has been prepared for Council by GHD for the purpose of providing a report to the Joint Regional Planning Panel to assess the development application.

Issues:

The development application has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and against the relevant provisions of the Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011.

The proposed site is at the southern end of Dubbo Street, on the southern side of the levee within the RU2 zone – primary production. The development is permissible within the zone with consent pursuant to clause 340 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure).

Section 4 of the attached report (**APPENDIX B**) contains conditions relevant to the approval of the development to be forwarded to the Joint Regional Planning Panel which is the consent authority for this development.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007
- State Environmental Planning Policy (State & Regional Development) 2011
- State Environmental Planning Policy No 44 (Koala Habitat Protection)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000
- Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011
- Development Control Plan 1 – Coonamble Township and Surrounds.

Financial Considerations:

N/A

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:

That Council endorse Development Application No 026/2017 for the Moorambilla Solar Farm – Lot 3 DP547529 – subject to the conditions within Section 4 of the Assessment Report conducted by GHD in October 2017 and that Council’s endorsement and report be forwarded to the Joint Regional Planning Panel for assessment.

**16.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 034/2017 –
PROPOSED RAIL CONSTRUCTION – LOT 111 IN DP861246
– COONAMBLE**

Background:

Council has received a development application from GrainCorp Ltd to develop a rail siding at its site on the Back Combara Road.

Issues:

The proposed siding will encroach on the road reserve of the Back Combara Road and GrainCorp is seeking Council approval for this encroachment - **diagrams attached**. The encroachment is minor in nature and does not present any issue for road users. Considering the benefit to the community, such a project is desirable.

Sustainability / Legislative Provisions:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000
- Coonamble Local Environmental Plan 2011
- Development Control Plan 1 – Coonamble Township & Surrounds.

Financial Considerations:

Nil

Options:

The work and any legal costs are borne by the applicant.

Recommendation:

That Council consent to the encroachment of the Back Combara Road road reserve for submission of Development Application No 034/2017, such encroachment will be subject to supervision and control of Council's Director of Engineering Services to ensure safety of road users.

MATTHEW COCK

Manager – Environmental Services

31 October 2017

17. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW PERIOD ENDING
30/09/2017
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Background:

In accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 the General Manager must report to Council within two months of the end of each quarter.

Issues:*(i) BUDGET REVIEW:*

Refer to attached quarterly budget review report which has been presented in the new format in accordance with the Local Government Accounting Standards.

Sustainability/Legislative Provisions:

- (i) Quarterly Review of Budget*
Local Government (General) Regulation Section 203

Financial Considerations:

Consideration of the Budget Review and list of budget variations.

Options:

N/A

Recommendation:**That Council:**

- (1) approve the variations to votes as listed in the budget review documents;**
- (2) note that in the opinion of the responsible accounting officer, Council is in a satisfactory financial position;**
- (3) note the position of Council's estimated Reserves at 30 September 2017**

BRUCE QUARMBY

Responsible Accounting Officer.

18. REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

Nil

19. SALEYARDS REPORT
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

19.1 SALES

- No sales were held during the month.
- Income Received – Casual weigh 193 head \$789.55

19.2 SALEYARDS ACCOUNT 01/07/2017 – 27/10/2017

Sale yards Operations:	Income	\$ 789.55
	Expenditure	\$ 20,477.42
	Deficit	\$19,687.87
Truck wash :	Income	\$ 6,095.69
	Expenditure	\$ 2,302.74
	Surplus	\$ 3,792.95
Summary:	Income	\$ 6,885.24
	Expenditure	\$22,780.16
	Deficit	\$15,894.92
Sale yard Reserves:	Balance 01/07/17	\$277,796.91
	Operational result to date	\$ 15,894.92
	Reserve Balance at 27/10/2017	\$293,691.83

Recommendation:

That Council note the information contained in this report for the month of October 2017.

BRUCE QUARMBY

Director of Corporate & Urban Services

20. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

NIL

21. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS
COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017