

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, QUAMBONE ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH
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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.

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(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.

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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.

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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 if 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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 Seconder.**

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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MAYOR